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**Railway State Minister discovers (?)
that ladies do not need special train**

Mumbai, Sunday : Shri Naranbhai Rathava, Minister of State for Railways, has stated that no new ladies special trains will be introduced as there is no need for the same. This information is given in a press statement issued by Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader and former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge).

Shri Naik while elaborating further said, "working women and lady students have been demanding for more ladies special trains. I had flagged off few ladies specials during my tenure. I have been persuing for the demand of more ladies specials with Railway Minister Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav as well as Shri Naranbhai Rathwa, Minister of State for Railways. Shri Laloo Prasad had even announced to start new ladies specials while inaugurating quadruplication of Borivli-Virar line in July 2007. However, now the Railway Minister of State has discovered (?) that ladies do not give enough response to these special trains and therefore no new train would be run."

Shri Naik added that in response to his letter forwarding memorandum of hundreds of women commuters demanding additional Virar-Churchgate ladies special during peak hours of morning, Shri Rathwa has insulted the hard-working women commuters. Shri Rathwa said,"Earlier one ladies special was converted to a general service due to low occupation. However, suggestion for introduction of ladies special train between Virar-Churchgate has been noted and will be examined as and when more EMU rakes become available." It is pertinent to note that the train mentioned in his letter was between Borivli-Churchgate and that too after peak hours i.e. at 10.53 am.

"On the one hand the Minister of State for Railways prefers to hurt sentiments of ladies while on the other hand the Railway Minister Shri Laloo Prasad prefers to ignore them all together after announcing in July 2007 that he would start additional ladies special train. Both of them should note that women commuters of Mumbai suburban railways would soon teach them a lesson," warned Shri Ram Naik at the end.

(Office Secretary)

Encl : (Copy of letter of Minister of State for Railways)