### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5262 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017

#### **TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS**

5262. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
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SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of ticketless passengers travelling in trains have come to the notice of the Railways and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has intensified its ticket checking drive in trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of passengers detained while travelling ticketless along with the quantum of revenue recovered during each of the last three years and the current year, division-wise;
- (d) whether the Railways plans to introduce high-tech automatic ticket checking devices like metro rail and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to dissuade the people from travelling without ticket?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5262 BY SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN, DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD, KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH, SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN, SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO, SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR, SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR AND SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS.

(a) & (c) The zone-wise details of number of passengers detected travelling without ticket and with improper tickets during the last three years and the current financial year upto February 2017 along with amount of Railway dues realised, are given below as division-wise details are not maintained centrally.

Zonal Railway	Persons detected travelling without ticket & improper tickets (in lakhs)				Amount of railway dues realised (in Rupees crores)			
	2013- 14	2014- 15	2015- 16	2016- 17 (upto Februa ry 2017)	2013- 14	2014- 15	2015- 16	2016-17 (upto February 2017)
Central	16.93	19.27	22.48	22.23	84.09	98.00	117.91	114.58
Eastern	7.43	8.07	8.79	8.55	23.32	25.55	28.02	27.31
East Central	10.22	12.18	15.55	16.97	37.86	41.25	59.40	66.24
East Coast	2.88	3.82	4.97	4.64	12.03	15.63	21.19	20.12
Northern	19.02	20.45	24.86	23.80	76.85	90.13	111.62	105.43
North Central	10.82	13.18	15.29	15.14	52.58	66.56	77.99	77.16
North Eastern	8.80	10.12	11.01	11.09	40.80	50.32	55.71	56.39
Northeast Frontier	3.88	4.21	4.65	5.05	22.50	28.30	30.05	33.61
North Western	5.29	5.47	5.96	5.07	20.83	23.12	24.92	21.08
Southern	8.85	10.08	8.51	7.37	35.99	41.98	35.35	30.82
South Central	17.26	20.13	24.43	23.79	72.91	86.79	101.32	102.25
South Eastern	4.66	5.25	5.26	5.60	19.46	23.27	24.74	26.67
South East	3.09	3.64	4.01	3.85	11.83	14.35	15.93	15.88
Central								
South Western	3.64	3.94	4.46	5.55	18.16	20.55	22.64	27.24
Western	16.70	18.73	20.28	18.60	75.43	86.43	94.91	87.67
West Central	7.07	8.27	8.98	8.26	32.71	39.17	44.63	42.56
TOTAL	146.54	166.81	189.49	185.56	637.35	751.40	866.33	855.01

- (b) Regular drives are conducted against ticketless/irregular travel and the same is continuous and ongoing process. During the period from Aptil, 2016 to February, 2017, around 19.7 lakh checks were conducted by all zonal Railways.
- (d) A proposal of "Automated Gate Based Ticket Checking System (for trial in two stations)" has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 4.16 crore.
- (e) The steps taken by the Government to dissuade people from travelling without ticket are as under:
  - i. Conducting of regular and surprise checks against ticketless travel, which are intensified during peak rush periods.
  - ii. Vigorous drives such as Ambush Checks, Fortress Checks are conducted in association with Railway Protection Force and Magistrates under the Action Plan framed by Railway Board.
  - iii. Intensive Check Posts have been set up at important stations of each division of Zonal Railways to curb ticketless travelling in unreserved segments.
  - iv. With a view to curbing entry of without ticket passengers in ticketed areas and to reduce ticketless travel, instructions have been issued for ensuring effective manning of all designated/functional gates at stations.

v. Travelling public are urged to avoid ticketless travel through publicity campaigns launched by Zonal Railways through posters/notices/ announcements at railway stations and advertisements in newspapers.

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