

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1865
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

IMPROVEMENT IN SURVEILLANCE

1865. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of arrests made by the Railway Police Force (RPF) in the last three years, State-wise, including Delhi;**
- (b) whether there has been a rise in the number of arrests;**
- (c) if so, whether it is on account of improvement in RPF's surveillance and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the nature of crimes for which arrests were made, percentage-wise;**
- (e) the benefits and facilities being accrued to RPF personnel, particularly women officers, including their safety; and**
- (f) the further measures being taken to strengthen the RPF?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1865 BY SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN SURVEILLANCE

(a): Statistics of arrests made by Railway Protection Force (RPF) is maintained Zonal Railway wise. Zone-wise number of persons arrested by the RPF in the last three years (2015, 2016 & 2017) is appended. The statistics of Northern Railway includes arrests made in Delhi.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Yes, Madam. Close surveillance on anti-social elements, regular and intensive drives conducted by RPF have resulted in 18.84 % more arrests in the year 2017 as compared to the year 2015.

(d): Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been empowered under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act to arrest and prosecute offenders related to Railway Property. RPF personnel have also been empowered under the Railways Act to arrest and prosecute offenders involved in offences specified under 29 sections of the Railways Act which are related to alarm chain pulling, unauthorised hawking and vending, touting, trespassing, travelling on roof and foot-board of train, travelling of male persons in coaches reserved for female passengers etc. 0.59% of total arrests are related to offences under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act and 99.41% are related to the Railways Act.

(e): Under Section 10 of the RPF Act-1957 and Section 2(34) of the Railways Act, RPF personnel are Railway servants. Benefits/ facilities, as admissible to other Railway servants such as medical facilities, residential accommodation, Pass/Privilege Ticket Order etc., are also admissible to RPF personnel including women RPF personnel. In addition, barrack accommodation, uniform allowance, 15 days Casual

Leave, payment in lieu of duties performed on holidays (30 days) are also available to RPF personnel. RPF women personnel are being provided with separate barracks, rest rooms facilities etc. Adequate safety measures have been taken to ensure safety of women RPF personnel.

(f): Special emphasis is being given to improve living conditions of RPF/RPSF personnel by providing barracks at important locations and upgrading basic amenities in the existing barracks at par with running rooms. During the year 2018-19, works to the tune of ₹ 59 Cr. have been sanctioned for construction of barracks. All the Divisional Railway Managers have been advised to conduct inspection of all the RPF barracks and submit status report. Measures initiated to strengthen RPF also include installation of CCTV cameras at Railway stations/trains, upgradation of security helpline No. 182, development of security App., soft skill training to RPF personnel, etc.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1865 BY SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN SURVEILLANCE

(a): The zone-wise statistics of arrests made by the RPF in the last three years (2015, 2016 & 2017) over Indian Railways, is as under:-

Zonal Railway	Number of persons arrested by RPF		
	2015	2016	2017
Central	113191	131083	132970
Eastern	66289	94893	92387
East Central	37340	40303	37913
East Coast	33433	36636	41812
Northern	144343	137403	134115
North Central	42297	52127	63681
North Eastern	36873	43929	45857
Northeast Frontier	10546	12786	14739
North Western	30063	37529	41516
Southern	108513	110948	115160
South Central	72093	96587	113106
South Eastern	45216	51507	53480
South East Central	24208	30701	33050
South Western	32530	34512	35247
Western	168502	185981	192509
West Central	68549	83223	81228
TOTAL	1033986	1180148	1228770
