

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1878
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

INCREASE IN CRIMES

†1878. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in theft, loot and other crimes against passengers of various long distance trains;**
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported zone-wise including South zone during the last one year; and**
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to prevent such cases and ensure fearless journey to railway passengers?**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1878 BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING INCREASE IN CRIMES

(a): Incidents of dacoity, robbery and drugging reported in long distance trains over Indian Railways have decreased during the year 2017 as compared to the year 2016. However, there has been some increase in the cases of theft of passengers' belongings. Policing, including registration of First Information Report (FIR) and its investigation being State subject, Railways does not maintain any data on Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes.

(b): The number of cases of theft of passengers' belongings, dacoity, robbery and drugging reported in long distance trains over Indian Railways including South zone during the last year (2017) is appended. The figures appended are based only on the data received from Government Railway Police Stations.

(c): Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP to provide better protection and security of passenger area & passengers and for matters connected therewith.

Besides, the following steps are also being taken by the Railways to prevent such incidents and to ensure fearless journey of passengers in trains:-

- 1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 2500 trains (on an average) are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.**

- 2. Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras, provided at about 394 stations over Indian Railways, to ensure safety and security of passengers.**
- 3. Security Help Line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.**
- 4. An Integrated Security System (ISS) consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control etc. has been sanctioned to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 railway stations.**
- 5. Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.**
- 6. Through various social media platforms viz. Twitter, Facebook etc., Railways are in regular touch with passengers including women passengers to enhance security of passengers and to address their security concern.**
- 7. Drives are conducted from time to time against the entry of unauthorized persons in trains and railway premises.**
- 8. Regular coordination is made with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels for prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains.**

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1878 BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING INCREASE IN CRIMES

(b): The number of cases of theft of passengers' belongings, dacoity, robbery and drugging reported in long distance trains over Indian Railways including South zone during the last year (2017) is as under:-

Zonal Railway	Theft of Passengers' Belongings	Dacoity	Robbery	Drugging
Central	3907	6	54	18
Eastern	193	2	1	9
East Central	675	1	10	14
East Coast	466	1	9	4
Northern	2480	4	81	20
North Central	1076	0	37	18
North Eastern	367	0	16	13
Northeast Frontier	185	1	2	12
North Western	410	0	0	10
Southern	277	0	26	1
South Central	2093	1	35	5
South Eastern	358	0	2	2
South East Central	516	1	6	3
South Western	363	0	13	3
Western	1706	5	20	14
West Central	2844	5	68	8
