

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1636
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

BOMB BLAST MOCK DRILL

1636. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has recently conducted mock bomb blast drill at some major railway stations in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;**
- (c) whether lack of coordination is reported from various agencies dealing with railway security;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve the security in the railway premises; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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. 1636 BY SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2019 REGARDING BOMB BLAST MOCK DRILL

(a) to (e): 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. Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP to provide better protection and security of passenger area & passengers and for matters connected therewith. Close liaison is maintained by the Railways with the State Police/GRP authorities, Central & State Intelligence agencies and civil 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.

During the year 2018, 85 mock bomb blast drills have been conducted at some major & sensitive Railway stations viz. New Delhi, Old Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Anand Vihar, Varanasi, EMU Car Shed/Ghaziabad, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patna, Barddhaman, Krishnanagar, Halisahar, Alipur Duar, Siliguri, Mumbai Central, Andheri, Malad, Bhayander, Virar, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Basti, Mau, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Bahraich, Lucknow City, Mailani, Siwan, Chhapra, Kaptanganj, Thave, Kathgodam, Kasganj, Varanasi City, Aunrihar, Manduadih, Anandnagar, Bhatni, Burhwal, Balia, Azamgarh, Deoriya Sadar, Sitapur, Tulsipur, Dadar Central, Thane, Wadala, Kurla Terminus, Karjat, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus/Mumbai, Vashi, Nagpur, Daund, Pune, Ahmednagar, Kurduwadi and Miraj Railway Station over Indian Railways by the Security agencies. All mock bomb blast drills were conducted successfully with full coordination with sister agencies to check the preparedness of the disaster management teams & equipments.

Besides, the following steps are being taken by the Railways in coordination with GRP/Civil Police for safety and security of passengers in trains and stations:-

- 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 453 stations over Indian Railways, to ensure safety and security of passengers.**
- 3. Security Help Line number 182 is operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.**
- 4. Through various social media platforms viz. twitter, facebook etc., Railways are in regular touch with passengers to enhance security and address their security concerns.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. All Railway Stations and passenger carrying trains are planned to be progressively provided with CCTV based surveillance system.**
- 7. Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.**
- 8. Drives are conducted from time to time against the entry of unauthorized persons in trains and railway premises.**
