GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4738 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021

ABSENCE OF POLICEMEN AT NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

4738. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to the absence of policemen on duty at New Delhi Railway Station, the taxi and scooter drivers are harassing the night passengers and charging exhorbitant fare;
- (b) if so, the action taken against such scooter and taxi drivers;
- (c) whether any surprise check was conducted by the senior police officials; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4738 BY SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING ABSENCE OF POLICEMEN AT NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

(a) to (d): Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and 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/District Police to provide better protection and security of passenger area and passengers and for related matters.

Two prepaid Auto/Taxi booths are operational on both sides of New Delhi Railway Station - Paharganj side and Ajmeri Gate side and Delhi Traffic police Staff remain available there round the clock. In addition, Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force staff are also deployed in circulating area on both sides of the station to facilitate the passengers. Based on the data provided by Delhi Police, no case of harassment and overcharging the fare in the vicinity of New Delhi Railway Station has been reported during the year 2020. Prepaid Auto/Taxi booths are regularly visited/inspected by Traffic Inspectors, Assistant Commissioners of Police to monitor the proper functioning of Prepaid Booths.
