

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

RESCUING HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

1211. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any SOPs have been issued for curbing and/or investigation of human trafficking through Railways and the rescue of such human trafficking victims;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any budgetary allocations have been made towards addressing human trafficking issues through the Railways; and**
- (d) if so, the details of allocations and funds released from 2016 till date and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(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. 1211 BY SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING RESCUING HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

(a) and (b): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, as such, State Governments are responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and maintaining law and order etc. on Railways through their law enforcement agencies viz. 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 matters connected therewith. Whenever any case of suspected human trafficking is detected by RPF, the same is reported to GRP/District Police and person(s) apprehended and rescued, if any, are also handed over to them for taking further necessary action as per law. Since RPF plays only supplementary role in this endeavour, no SOP has been issued by Ministry of Railways for curbing and/or investigation of human trafficking through railways and rescue of human trafficking victims.

(c) and (d): There is no separate budget allocation for expenditure to curb Human Trafficking activities through Railways. The Government Railway Police (GRP) comes under the purview of respective State Governments and the administrative expenses incurred on GRP are shared by Central Government and State Government.
