# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

### **LOK SABHA**

# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 545 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015

#### **CRIME IN RAILWAYS**

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**SHRI ANTO ANTONY:** 

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether crimes in Railways have touched a new high pertaining to murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, dacoity and theft in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to provide safety to the passengers especially women along with achievements thereof since implementation of the schemes/programmes;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for the safety of women passengers in Railways which has been funded/likely to be funded by the Nirbhaya Fund and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate safety of the passengers of the Railways across the country?

## **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI MANOJ SINHA )

(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. 545 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR, SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER, COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY, SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING CRIME IN RAILWAYS.

(a) and (b): The cases of theft, robbery, kidnapping and rape reported over Indian Railways have increased during the year 2015 in comparison to the year 2014. However, the cases of murder and dacoity have decreased during the year 2015(upto Oct) in comparison to year 2014. The numbers of cases of crimes reported over Indian Railways during the year 2014 and 2015(Upto October) is appended. The reasons behind the increase in cases of crimes are increase in volume of passenger and traffic, and better awareness amongst the public for registration of cases.

All the cases of crimes are reported to, registered and investigated by Government Railway Police of concerned State Governments.

(c): All India Railway Security Helpline toll free number 1800-11-1322 was set up on 12.08.2014 in the Railway Board and then toll free no. 182 over Zonal Railways in February-2015. They function round the clock and provide security related assistance to passengers. During the period 12.08.2014 to 31.10.2015 as many as, 7437 complaints related to theft of passengers belongings, luggage missing, unauthorized entry in coaches reserved for disabled passengers, nuisance by anti social element and need for medical assistance etc., have been received and attended. In addition, an App as a pilot project has also been launched over some of the Zonal Railways to provide security to women passengers in sub-urban sections.

In consultation with Ministry of Women and Child Development, Child Help Desks /Kiosks have been set up at 20 major railway stations to provide assistance to run away/abandoned and trafficked children. During the year 2015(upto Oct) as many as 4557 children have been rescued over Indian Railways.

(d): It has been proposed to provide CCTV surveillance system over 1000 stations through provision of grants from Nirbhaya Fund in phases.

- (e): Policing on Railways is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation in Railway premises as well as on running trains is, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of Government Railway Police by deploying its staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations. Besides, the following steps are being taken by the Railways to provide maximum security to passengers-
- 1. An Integrated Security System consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control and Anti-Sabotage Checks has been finalized to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive railway stations.
- 2. On vulnerable and identified routes/ sections, 2000 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.
- 3. RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police.
- 4. RPF Crime prevention and detection squads and special teams are formed to keep vigil on the criminals in trains/ stations to prevent crime.
- 5. Joint drives by RPF/GRP and Commercial Department are conducted from time to time against the unauthorized entry of passengers in trains and railway premises.
- 6. Mass media programmes are being launched by zonal railways to create awareness regarding crime against women passengers through electronic and print media.
- 7. Passenger outreach programmes have been launched including announcement through loudhailers / PA system as well as pasting of stickers providing the Security Help Line Number 182 of RPF Security Control Room for security related assistance.
- 8. The ladies compartments in local trains are being escorted by RPF and GRP during peak/non peak hours. Staff deployment is made during late night and early morning local trains to ensure better security to the lady passengers.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 545 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR, SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER, COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY, SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING CRIME IN RAILWAYS.

(a) and (b): The number of cases of murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, dacoity and theft of passengers belonging reported in Railway during the year 2014 and 2015(Upto October) is as under:

Railway	Year	Murder	Kidnapping	Rape	Robbery	Dacoity	Theft
Central	2014	24	19	3	522	13	3560
	2015	11	33	7	490	9	3828
Eastern	2014	19	7	7	6	7	712
	2015	15	12	1	12	2	653
East	2014	29	0	1	18	18	1071
Central	2015	19	0	2	22	11	857
East Coast	2014	1	1	0	20	1	499
	2015	3	2	1	15	11	460
Northern	2014	37	30	2	97	10	2441
	2015	30	36	14	160	11	3564
North	2014	1	0	0	4	5	499
Central	2015	3	0	1	25	3	527
North	2014	9	0	0	5	3	228
Eastern	2015	5	0	1	24	1	389
Northeast	2014	15	0	1	2	2	206
Frontier	2015	10	0	0	0	1	155
North	2014	6	4	2	8	1	620
Western	2015	5	1	1	2	0	557
Southern	2014	5	1	1	37	0	678
	2015	1	1	0	51	1	708
South	2014	18	1	0	35	2	1649
Central	2015	10	0	2	37	0	1516
South	2014	3	0	0	6	2	333
Eastern	2015	8	0	1	3	1	293
South East	2014	6	3	0	16	3	348
Central	2015	6	5	0	22	0	399
South	2014	0	0	0	29	1	288
Western	2015	0	0	0	11	2	219
Western	2014	15	5	2	189	4	1836
	2015	13	3	6	154	8	2350
West	2014	7	16	3	46	3	2325
Central	2015	5	8	8	99	1	2319
Total	2014	195	87	22	1040	75	17293
	2015	144	101	43	1127	62	18794