GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 928 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016

TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS

† 928. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an increase has been registered in the number of ticketless travellers during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the exact number of ticketless travellers along with the amount recovered by Railways in the form of penalty during the above said period; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to dissuade the people from travelling without ticket in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 928 BY SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2016 REGARDING TICKETLESS TRAVELLERS

(a)& (b) The details of number of ticketless travellers during last three years and current financial year upto January 2016 is as under:

Zonal Railway	Persons detected travelling				Amount of railway dues			
	without ticket & improper tickets (in lakhs)				realised (in Rupees crores)			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
				(upto				(upto
				January				January
				2016)				2016)
Central	14.86	16.93	19.27	19.24	70.86	84.09	98.00	101.78
Eastern	6.94	7.43	8.07	7.34	20.58	23.32	25.55	23.50
East Central	9.17	10.18	12.18	13.32	32.56	37.86	41.25	51.10
East Coast	2.62	2.88	3.82	4.20	11.45	12.03	15.63	17.94
Northern	24.24	19.02	20.45	21.47	89.89	76.82	90.13	96.52
North Central	9.43	10.83	13.19	12.85	43.25	52.60	66.57	66.07
North Eastern	8.29	8.81	10.13	9.72	37.10	40.80	50.32	48.88
Northeast	3.54	3.89	4.22	3.87	19.33	22.52	28.31	25.44
Frontier								
North Western	4.39	5.30	5.48	5.10	16.78	20.83	23.13	21.47
Southern	7.87	8.85	10.08	7.27	31.07	36.00	41.99	30.17
South Central	14.62	17.39	20.12	20.35	64.09	72.91	86.72	84.24
South Eastern	4.06	4.67	5.25	4.5	16.19	19.47	23.28	21.21
South East	2.66	3.09	3.64	3.33	10.12	11.83	14.35	13.28
Central								
South Western	3.17	3.65	3.95	3.7	14.34	18.16	20.56	18.77
Western	15.50	16.70	18.73	17.15	67.44	75.44	86.44	80.08
West Central	6.32	7.08	8.28	7.88	27.56	32.72	39.18	39.50
TOTAL	137.68	146.70	165.43	145.76	572.61	637.40	727.45	660.22

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(c) With a view to prevent ticketless travel, various steps have been taken by Indian Railways, some of which are as under:-

- i. Conducting of regular and surprise checks against ticketless travel, which are intensified during peak rush periods.
- ii. Vigorous drives such as Ambush Checks, Fortress Checks are conducted in association with Railway Protection Force and Magistrates under the Action Plan framed by Railway Board.
- iii. Intensive Check Posts have been set up at important stations of each division of Zonal Railways to curb ticketless travelling in unreserved segments.
- iv. With a view to curb entry of without ticket passengers in ticketed areas and to reduce ticketless travel, instructions have been issued for ensuring effective manning of all designated/functional gates at stations.
- v. Travelling public are urged to avoid ticketless travel through publicity campaigns launched by Zonal Railways through posters/notices/ announcements at railway stations and advertisements in newspapers.

Further, Indian Railways have taken various measures using technological advancement or otherwise to facilitate issuing of tickets so as to prevent travelling without ticket on account of nonavailability of tickets which include:-

- a. Provision of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines.
- **b.** Provision of unreserved tickets through Mobile phones.

- c. Engaging Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Sewaks outside station premises for issuing of unreserved tickets through Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) of Indian Railways.
- d. Engaging of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBAs) for issuing of unreserved tickets from E category stations.
- e. Engaging Yatri Ticket Suvidha Kendra (YTSK) licensee for issuing of unreserved as well as reserved tickets

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