

[English]

Performance of RPF

1181. SHRI A. ASHOKRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of consignments lost in transit and recovered by the Railway Protection Force during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the value of the consignments so recovered by the RPF and the annual expenditure being incurred on it; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that RPF is able to recover not only all the consignment lost in transit but also prevent the pilferage of consignments?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The percentage of recoveries made by the RPF of the stolen consignments during the last three years are as under:—

<i>Years</i>	<i>Percentage of Recoveries of booked consignments</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1986-87	6.46%
1987-88	6.97%
1988-89	6.49%

(b) The value of the stolen property recovered by the RPF and annual expenditure incurred on the RPF for the last three years are as under:—

<i>Years</i>	<i>Total Expenditure on R.P.F.</i>	<i>Value of Recovered property of booked consignments</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1986-87	98,15,79	36.40
1987-88	1,20,96.64	43.57
1988-89	1,35,16,73	42.49

(Figure in thousands)

(c) The following preventive measures are being taken to prevent theft of Railway property.

- 1 Escorting of trains carrying valuable consignments as far as possible
2. Intensive beat patrolling in the yards and vulnerable sections.

3. Conducting raids on receivers of stolen Railway property and deployment of crime intelligence staff.

4. Close co-ordination between the RPF, the GRP and the local Police is maintained at various levels to deal with criminals and receivers of stolen property.