

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2400
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SECURITY LAPSES AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the enquiry committee revealed that the attack on Railway Station in Jammu was due to non-implementation of security measures;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have identified the persons responsible for this lapse;
- (c) if so, action taken against those held responsible; and
- (d) the steps being considered to strengthen the security at all the railway stations in the country, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): does not arise.

(d): `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, and, as such, the detection and prevention of crimes on Railway Stations and appropriate security measures there is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Government Railway police (GRP), functions under the control of the respective State Governments. The Central Government has advised the State Government regarding the threats posed by terrorist outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East, who have identified Railways as an important target.

The Central Government, in consultation with State Government and Railway Authority, have suggested various measures in general which include, inter-alia, patrolling of tracks, improvement in co-ordination between the Police escort and the Railway staff etc.

As reported by the State Government of J&K, various measures have been taken for security and safety of passengers as well as the railway stations in J&K which include:-

- (i) Round the clock vigil in and around Railway Station;
- (ii) Extensive patrolling of the area by SFs/J&K police;
- (iii) Proper frisking of passengers and their luggage at Railway Station;
- (iv) Frequent checking of vehicles to and fro to Railway Station;
- (v) Infrastructural support related to security of Railway Station.
- (vi) A number of meeting to increase coordination of security efforts with regard to railway stations in J&K.