

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BLACK MARKETING OF TICKETS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the train passengers are facing a lot of difficulties in purchasing of tickets from railway reservation counters at Delhi, New Delhi, Nizamuddin and Kalyan railway stations on account of black marketing of tickets by touts in connivance with the railway officials; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check the black marketing of railway tickets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): During the checks conducted by the Railways, some cases of black-marketing of tickets have come to notice. In order to curb the menace of unauthorised sale of tickets, regular and surprise checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance Departments both in and around reservation offices at all important stations. Police is also involved in the drives against touts. Strict disciplinary action is taken against any railway staff found conniving in malpractices under the Disciplinary & Appeal Rules. Besides, during peak rush periods, monitoring at important locations is stepped up.