

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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ROBBERY IN TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of passengers were drugged and robbed in the long distance trains leaving from Mumbai during last three years and the average detection rate for such offences is merely 18 per cent ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the detailed strategy chalked out by railways in construction with the local police; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Railways to fix the responsibility of passengers safety ?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir. It is not a fact that a large number of passengers were drugged and robbed in long distance trains leaving Mumbai. Since such cases are registered and investigated by State Police, the rate of detection is not available with Railways.

(c) and (d) In addition to the measures taken by the State Police, the Railways have taken following steps to check the cases of poisoning and drugging of Railway passengers:-

1. Announcements through the public address system are made for educating and warning the passengers against accepting articles of food and beverages from unknown persons/co-passengers.
2. Suitable posters have been displayed prominently in Railway Stations.
3. Warnings have been displayed in coaches of trains considered vulnerable.
4. Advertisements have been inserted in newspapers for educating the passengers.
5. Collection of criminal intelligence has been strengthened to work out the gang responsible for commission of such offences.
6. Regular and effective drives have been conducting against unauthorized hawkers on trains and Railway premises.