

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Some representations have been received in this regard

(b) Since the Shatabdi Express is a day time intercity type of train and with the running time from New Delhi to Nagpur being over 13 hours in one direction, it would not be feasible to extend the New Delhi-Bhopal Shatabdi Express upto Nagpur

(c) Does not arise

#### Wagon Load

753. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Eastern Railway has been denying to accept load less than of a full rake of outward consignments at the Howrah station,

(b) if so, the alternative arrangements made by the Eastern Railway for such freight traffic

(c) whether this decision is against the interest of the Railway finance as freight traffic revenue will go down, and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review this policy and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[*Transiation*]

#### Theft of Coal

754. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the cases of theft of coal and booked goods articles from the wagons in each Zone during the last year,

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection and the value of the goods articles recovered from them, and

(c) the concrete steps proposed to be taken to check such incidents in future?

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(c) the following preventive measures are taken to check such thefts

- 1 Escorting of trains carrying coal and other valuable consignments over vulnerable sections as far as possible
- 2 Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/section

3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the conditions of wagons seals carrying consignments.

4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.

5. Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.

6. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book

7. Dog squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas

8. Close coordination between RPF, GRP and Local Police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Details of the cases of theft of coal and booked good from the wagons over Indian Railways during the financial year 1995-96.

Zones	No of Cases	Value of Property		Persons Arrested
		Stolen (in Rs.)	Recovered (in Rs.)	
C.R.	91	23990	23990	136
E.R.	326	856501	908148	343
N R	59	492008	2095	18
N E	35	21435	21435	54
N F	7	1260	1260	11
S R	-	-	-	-
S.C	2	8700	8700	17
S E	54	295191	294591	130
W.R.	2	440	440	6
Total	576	1699525	1260659	715

#### Theft of Booked Consignment (excluding coal)

Zones	No of Cases	Value of Property		Persons Arrested
		Stolen (in Rs.)	Recovered (in Rs.)	
1	2	3	4	5
C.R	394	3493812	1027534	89
E R	2383	10821990	878559	95
N R	887	4977524	2126688	333
N.E.	558	2259136	365111	27