

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7099  
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STUDY CONDUCTED BY RITES IN NEPAL  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the feasibility study conducted by RITES in Nepal's ailing railway system has been hit by Maoist guerrillas as reported in the Statesman dated April 17, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the expensive equipments of RITES have been stolen;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Nepal authorities in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) to (c): There have been an incidence of snatching away of survey instruments from RITES survey team and threats by Maoist group on 25.02.2005 near Ramnagar Birta in Nepal. The survey work has since been suspended until a more secure environment is restored.
- (d) & (e): The matter has been taken up with Nepal Authorities at the appropriate level to make arrangements for safety and security of the survey officials and to recover the survey instruments.