

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION AND STRENGTHENING OF RPF  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to modernize and strengthen the Railway Protection Force (RPF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (c) the fund earmarked for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the said programme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Protection Force has been equipped with the Modern Security Equipments like Walkie-Talkies, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors, Bullet Proof Jackets, Bullet Proof Helmets, Dragon Search Lights, Close Circuit Televisions and Cameras etc.

More Sniffer Dogs are being inducted. Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads are being set up. Recruitment process have started on priority to fill up the vacancies. Manpower creation is also under consideration.

(c) Funds are made available for the procurement of Security equipments and modernization/strengthening of the Railway Protection Force from appropriate heads of account like Works Programme, Machinery & Plants (M&P) Head, Passenger Amenity Head etc.

(d) It is a continuous process. However special emphasis is being given to speed up the process.