

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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CHECKING TO DETECT THE OVERLOADING OF FREIGHT AND PARCEL

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Northern Railways has started a surprise checking campaign to detect the overloading of freights and Parcels on trains;
- (b) if so, whether during the checking campaign, number of cases were detected in the month of August and September,2004 ;
- (c) if so, the action taken against those held responsible;
- (d) whether large sum of money were recovered by the Railways due to the penalties; and
- (e) if so, the details of total amount and the other steps Government proposes to take to curb freight train overloading ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Regular checks to detect overloading are being conducted.
- (b) Yes, Sir. During the months of August and September,2004, 66 cases in parcel and 138 cases in freight overloading were detected on Northern Railway.
- (c) Punitive charges were recovered from the parties as per extant rules .
- (d) & (e) An amount of Rs. 2,68,520/- in Parcel and Rs.13,88,082/- in freight was recovered as punitive charges as per extant rules. General Managers have been delegated full powers to install adequate number of additional electronic-in-motion weigh bridges and weighing machines.

Zonal Railways have been asked to undertake regular checks on overloading. Certification of weighbridges is being arranged regularly by Weights and Measures Department of the State Governments.