

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECURITY MEASURES IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of inadequate deployment of Police personnel in Mail/Express/Passenger and Goods trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Railway Protection Forces/GRPs and other forces deployed in such trains during the last three years;
- (d) the number of Mail /Express /Passenger and Goods trains where such police personnel are not being deployed; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Railways to deploy police personnel in each train particularly in the Naxal affected areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d): Railways are aware of inadequate deployment of police personnel in mail/express and goods trains. Out of approximately 10,385 passenger carrying trains, about 3600 important Mail/Express trains are being escorted daily on an average by deploying about 9000 Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police personnel.

As regard escorting of Goods Trains, Railway Protection Force personnel are being deployed to escort goods trains carrying vulnerable commodities, in worst affected sections, whenever required, as per availability of manpower.

(e): Concerned State Governments have been requested to provide police escort in each train particularly in Naxal affected areas. However, important trains are being escorted by deploying Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force personnel during night hours in Naxal affected areas as per availability of manpower.