GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special security measures are being taken at the major railway stations in the country in view of the threats from terrorists;
- (b) if so, whether it is being contemplated to deploy any other force or agency in addition to Railway Protection Force for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether keeping in view the conduct of Commonwealth Games additional security measures are being taken at Agra Railway station also; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Policing on Railways is the duty of the State Police which they discharge through Government Railway Police. However, the RPF Act, 1957 and the Railways Act 1989 have been amended in the year 2003 to enable the Railways, through the Railway Protection Force, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways.

The following measures have been taken for security of passengers:-

- 1. Important trains are being escorted by RPF/ GRP.
- 2. Integrated Security scheme consisting of CCTV Surveillance system, access control system, personal and baggage screening system and Bomb detection and disposal system has been finalized for important stations and the same is under implementation.
- 3. Dog Squads in Divisions and Zones are being augmented.
- 4. Commando Training is being imparted to selected RPF staff.
- 5. Steps have been taken to enhance the quality and content of the training of RPF.
- 6. Under modernization scheme, security gadgets are being procured and the weaponry being upgraded for enhancing the striking capability of RPF.
- 7. Regular coordination meetings are held with State Police.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d) & (e): Local Police and Government Railway Police have to make additional arrangements at Agra Station in view of the conduct of Commonwealth Games. Necessary assistance will be provided to police by Railway Protection Force also.