

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TICKET CHECKING IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether ticket checking exercise in running trains has decreased considerably;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c): if not, the number of passengers booked for travelling without ticket during each of the last three years; and
- (d): the further efforts being made to intensify the ticket checking in running trains ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The number of checks against ticketless/irregular travel has increased. In the current year 2009-10 (upto January, 2010), 13.86 lakh checks were conducted as against 13.21 lakh checks during the corresponding period of the last year.

(c): The number of passengers booked for ticketless/irregular travel during the last three years are as under:

Year No. of passengers booked
(in lakhs)

2007-08	67.20
2008-09	76.71
2009-10	74.22

(upto January,
2010)

(d): Regular and surprise checks are conducted in association with Railway Magistrates and the Police against ticketless travelling. These checks are intensified during peak rush/festival periods. This is an ongoing process. The persons so apprehended for ticketless/irregular travel are taken up under the provisions of the Railways Act. Campaigns are also launched through media to educate the public about the consequences of travelling without tickets. To deter ticketless/irregular travel, the minimum penalty has also been enhanced from Rs.50/- to Rs.250/- with effect from 01.07.2004.