

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY PREPAREDNESS OF THE RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a mock drill was conducted recently at various railway stations, especially at New Delhi in the country to test security preparedness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate number of safety equipments have been installed and also the security personnels deployed at sensitive railway stations and in the trains to tackle any kind of emergency; and
- (d) if so, the details of effective measures taken to procure security equipments and increase the number of security personnel during the last three year in the country including Jharkhand, and other naxalite/ terrorist affected States and the funds spent in this regard during the period?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes madam. Mock drills are conducted by the Railway Protection Force in all the Zonal Railways at regular intervals to test security preparedness and to ensure corrective measures. 2 Mock drills were conducted at New Delhi during January to March 2010.
- (c) & (d) 1. A Committee has identified security equipment needed for rail security and adequate fund has been released to ensure procurement of these equipments.
2. Over 2200 important trains are being escorted by Government Railway Police and about 1275 trains are being escorted by Railway Protection Force on daily basis for providing security of passengers in vulnerable sections.
3. Access control is ensured at important Railway Stations.
4. 5134 posts have been recently created to further strengthen Railway Protection Force.
5. Three Railway Protection Special Force Battalions have been sanctioned under works programme 2010-11.
6. A commando training centre has been sanctioned to ensure in-house commando training of Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force personnel.
7. Twelve 'Mahila companies' have been sanctioned to ensure better security of women passengers.
8. An All India Railway Protection Force Help-Line has been approved in works programme 2010-11 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 5 crore.
9. Networking of Security Control Rooms and Railway Protection Force Posts at Divisions/Zones and Railway Board, to improve response to passengers and to ensure better crime control, has been approved in works programme 2010-11 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 4.41 crore.
10. An integrated security system has been sanctioned for 202 sensitive stations of the country at an estimated cost of Rs. 353 crore.