

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MISBEHAVIOUR BY RPF PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether six personnel of Government Railway Police (GRP) got into Gorakhdham Express at Ghaziabad and molested the women in ladies coach on 21-03-2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been increase of such cases and also of looting by Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police personnel as well;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to check such cases in future; and
- (e) the details of disciplinary action taken against the delinquent officials in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): 03 Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel of Lucknow were on train escorting duty in train no.2556 Gorakhdham Exp. Ex. New Delhi to Lucknow. On receipt of information regarding nuisance in ladies compartment, the train was stopped at Khurja Jn. Railway station. A joint team comprising GRP/RPF personnel and Station Superintendent /Khurja Jn. checked the ladies compartment attached to the guard brake and found that 1 Head constable and 2 Constables of GRP/ Charbagh/Lucknow were traveling in the coach and were quarreling with each other on the issue of duty deployment. No lady passenger, travelling in the said compartment, lodged any complaint against the GRP personnel regarding molestation. Above 3 GRP staff have been placed under suspension by GRP authorities.

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d): Maintenance of law and order is a State subject and powers to investigate into IPC crimes are vested with Police and GRP.

However, Railway is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force staff to escort important trains in addition to trains escorted by Government Railway Police (GRP).

Following steps are taken by the Railways to improve security of passengers in Railways and particularly of women passengers:

1. Important mail/express trains are being escorted by GRP and RPF.
 2. Regular coordination meetings are held with GRP and State Police at all levels to prevent incidents of passenger offences.
 3. GRP / RPF escort parties have been briefed to pay extra attention towards the security of lady passengers.
 4. Regular drives are conducted by RPF against male passengers traveling in ladies compartments, anti-social elements creating nuisance in Railways and the offenders are prosecuted under the provision of the Railways Act. 60,400 male persons were prosecuted for traveling in ladies compartment over Indian Railways during the year 2009 in comparison to 58794 persons in 2008.
 5. Ladies compartments of suburban trains are escorted by GRP / RPF.
 6. Special trains exclusively for lady commuters have been introduced in Metro cities.
 7. 10% reservation for women has been made in the recruitment of all ranks of Railway Protection Force to ensure better service to lady passengers.
1. 12 companies of women RPF personnel are proposed for improving security of women passengers.
 2. One Mahila Battalion is proposed to provide better security to women passengers.

(e): All the 3 GRP (Government Railway Police) Personnel have been placed under suspension.