

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:847

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HOOLIGANS IN HARIDWAR-HOWRAH SUPERFAST EXPRESS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the incident in Howrah bound Haridwar - Howrah Super Fast Express wherein hooligans entered the reserved compartments and started beating and looting the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the incidents of hooligans attacking and looting the railway passengers are increasing;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel are being provided in trains during the night journeys; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. As per complaint lodged at Howrah, on 25-05-2010 at about 21.00 hrs, some criminals boarded coach no.S-7 of Train no. 2370 Dn. Haridwar - Howrah Express at Patna Railway station on East Central Railway. After departure of train from Patna, they snatched personal belongings of about 5 passengers of the said coach.. A case has been registered by Government Railway Police station / Howrah and transferred to Government Railway Police station/ Bakhtiyarpur.

(c) & (d): There is a marginal increase in cases of loot (Robbery & Dacoity) in Railways during the year, 2009 as compared to the previous year i.e. 2008. The details are as under:-

Year No. of cases of looting reported

2008 151

2009 183

(e) & (f): Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. As such the cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Govt. Railway Police. However, RPF is supplementing the GRP in crime control in Railways. RPF is escorting 1275 Trains including night trains in addition to 2200 trains escorted by GRP.