GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1947 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2010 MANIPULATION OF ADDITIONAL COACHES Rajbhar Shri Ramashankar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received information about withholding the information on additional coaches in the passengers list displayed in railway charts in connivance with railway employees;
- (b) if so, the details of railway zones in which reservation in such reserved additional coaches are being manipulated by agents and employees and not through the normal reservation process for passengers;
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to investigate about the validity of such additional coaches and to assess the losses incurred to the Railways on this account; and
- (d) the action taken by the Railways against the erring officials and agents involved in such scams?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. One case has come to notice.
- (b): On Eastern Railway, details of one extra Sleeper class coach which was being attached by Train No. 9048 Bhagalpur Surat Express were not being fed in the computerized Passenger Reservation System(PRS) due to non-availability of information about the composition of the incoming rake before preparation of reservation charts.
- (c): With effect from 23.06.2010 the extra coach has been added to the regular composition of the train. The coach has since been made available for booking through PRS. There was no loss to the Railways as booking was being done manually and also through on board allotment by the Ticket Checking staff.
- (d): Connivance of Railway staff is under investigation.