

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BLACK MARKETING OF RAILWAY TICKETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether blackmarketing of railway tickets is continuously on the rise in the country;
- (b): whether any special scheme has been involved by the Government to stop the blackmarketing;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the number of blackmarketers of Railway tickets apprehended in the country during the current year till date?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. However, some cases of touts purchasing tickets in fictitious names and selling the same to other passengers on premium do come to notice.
- (b) & (c): In order to curb the activities of touts and others anti-social elements indulging in blackmarketing of tickets, regular and preventive checks are conducted in and around railway reservation offices. Surveillance and monitoring at reservation offices is stepped up during the peak rush periods. To bridge the gap between demand and supply, new trains and special trains are run and the carrying capacity of the existing trains is augmented. In addition, travelling public are educated through various media to desist from procuring tickets from unauthorized people. Availability of tickets on internet also helps to curb blackmarketing of tickets.
- (d): 2188 touts were apprehended during January, 2010 to September, 2010.