

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLOSION ON RAILWAY ROUTE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the naxalites had conducted an explosion on Samastipur – Muzaffarpur railway route during the Bandh called by Maoists on 13th – 14th September;
- (b) if so, the details of loss of lives and property in these explosions; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): On 14.09.2010 at about 02.35 hrs. Left Wing Extremists exploded one bomb on Railway track at KM. No.66/5-6 between Siho and Dholi Railway stations in Samastipur- Muzaffarpur Section. Due to this explosion, one concrete sleeper got damaged and about 01 meter track got slightly bent. No casualty or injury was reported. Government Railway Police Muzaffarpur has registered a case vide Crime No. 61/10 dated 14.09.2010 under section 427/120-B Indian Penal Code, 3/4 Explosive Substance Act, 25 (1B) A/26/35 Arms Act, 17 Criminal Law Act and 150/151 the Railways Act in this regard.

(c): Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains is 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, Railway Protection Force is deployed to effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments to prevent such incidents.

The following measures are being taken by Railways:-

- (i) Nominated trains are escorted by Government Railway Police (GRP) and Railway Protection Force (RPF) on the vulnerable sections/ areas.
- (ii) Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India has issued directions to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattishgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, and West Bengal to make additional deployment of Civil Police, Government Railway Police (GRP) and Central Para Military Forces to avoid attacks on Railway infrastructure and avert any likely disasters.
- (iii) Coordination meeting are held by the General Managers and Chief Security Commissioners/RPF at Zonal level and Divisional Railway Managers and Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner/RPF at Divisional level with the State Government and Districts Administrations respectively.
- (iv) An Integrated Security System has been approved to strengthen surveillance mechanism over vulnerable Railway stations. In the first phase, it is being implemented at 202 such Railway stations.