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HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Level Committee on Composite security plan for the Indian Railways was constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Director General, RPF to study the requirements of a security system and to formulate a composite plan for the railways;

(b) if so, the details of its recommendations and action taken thereon by the Railways;

(c) whether the said Committee has identified some stations across the country including Metro, Kolkata as sensitive for terrorist/insurgent attack; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the measures taken to strengthen their security?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A High Level Committee comprising of officers from NSG, IB, Delhi Police, RPF and Railways was constituted in the year 2007 for recommending a composite security plan for the Indian Railways. The High Level Committee submitted its report on the Composite Security Plan in the year 2008. 21 recommendations have been made in the Composite Security Plan on various issues pertaining to railway security.

As a follow up to the recommendations made in the Composite Security Plan, following measures have been taken up by railways for strengthening of railway security -

(i) Integrated Security System
(ii) Procurement of modern security related equipment.
(iii) RPF Mitra Yojna
(iv) Posting of senior RPF officer in the RDSO for standardization of security technology.
(v) Nomination of coordinating officer for liaisons with international railway security organization.
(vi) Budgetary allocation for development of security infrastructure for setting up of new RPSF battalions, commando training center, networking of security control rooms and setting up of all India Security Help Line etc.

(c) & (d) The committee identified vulnerable stations of Indian Railways including stations of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Based on their report and feedback from field units and intelligence agencies, 202 stations have been identified for implementation of Integrated Security System at an estimated cost of 353 crore. The Integrated Security System comprises of

(i) Internet Protocol based CCTV surveillance system
(ii) Access control
(iii) Personal and baggage screening system
(iv) Bomb Detection and Disposal System