

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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TOUTS IN WCR ZONE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that a countrywide network of touts dealing in reservation of train tickets have been found operating from West Central Rail Zone in Jabalpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to curb the activity of touts in reservation of train tickets?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No such case has been reported on West Central Railway Zone.

(c): Regular and surprise drives by Commercial, Vigilance and Security Departments are conducted against touts indulging in unauthorized buying and selling of railway reservation tickets. The surveillance/monitoring of reservation offices is stepped up during the peak rush/festival periods. Touts so apprehended are taken up as per provisions of law.