

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DISRUPTION OF TRAIN SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the normal services of Railways in the naxal-affected areas are being constantly disrupted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such incidents reported during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have received representations from the railway unions to provide more security to the railway staff in these areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Railways thereto; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Railways to ensure that adequate security is provided to the Railway staff, property and passengers in these areas?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The speeds of passenger carrying trains on certain sections of Mumbai – Howrah route have been controlled during night in view of prevailing law and order situation. Further, adequate precautions are also taken to regulate train services during the bandh calls given by Left Wing Extremists. Isolated incidents of sabotage on Railways have been reported affecting the normal train services.

Number of such incidents reported during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 are as under:-

Year No. of incidents reported

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| 2009 | 60 |
| 2010 | 75 |
| 2011 | 44 |

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. Suggestions have been received from the Railway Unions to improve safety environment in Left Wing Extremism affected areas. Since, 'Policing' on Railways is a State Subject and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, they are requested by the Railways to make additional deployment of Civil Police, Government Railway Police (GRP) and Central Para Military Forces to avoid attacks on Railway infrastructure including Railway employees and avert any likely disasters.

Railways maintain regular coordination at different levels with the State Governments to ensure safety and security of Railway staff, property and passengers in these areas.