GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified such vulnerable areas of travelling without ticket and if so, the names of such areas/location;
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to have a vigil on such areas; and
- (c) the success achieved therefrom?

Answer

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

- (a): The incidence of ticketless travel varies from section to section and train to train. Zonal Railways identify sections and trains prone to ticketless travel periodically. As the vulnerable areas where ticketless travel is sizeable vary from time to time, the identification of such areas by Zonal Railways is a continuous process.
- (b): Regular and surprise drives are conducted frequently to check ticketless and irregular travel on vulnerable sections. The steps taken by Railways for keeping a vigil on such areas are as follows:-
- i) Special checks are conducted in association with Police and Railway Magistrates.
- ii) Ambush checks, fortress checks, cross country checks, etc. are conducted from time to time.
- iii) Travelling public are educated about the consequences of ticketless travel by running awareness campaigns through various media.
- (c): During the last year (2011-12), as a result of the above checks, 115.82 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket and an amount of Rs. 477.81 crores was realized as railway dues against ticketless/irregular travel.