

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INCIDENT OF STONE PELTING

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have noticed that the number of stone pelting cases have increased in recent times;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the railways to prevent such occurrence ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The number of stone pelting cases reported during the year 2008 & 2009 over Indian Railways (State wise) is as under :-

STATES	NO. OF CASES REPORTED
2008	2009 (upto Oct.)

Assam	04	02
Andhra Pradesh	13	28
Bihar	06	09
Chhattisgarh	00	01
Delhi	00	02
Gujrat	01	02
Goa	00	00
Himachal Pradesh	00	00
Haryana	02	07
Jammu & Kashmir	00	04
Jharkhand	00	00
Karnataka	22	17
Kerala	25	05
Maharashtra	18	07
Madhya Pradesh	02	06
Orissa	00	00
Punjab	03	03
Rajasthan	02	02
Tamil Nadu	16	09
Uttar Pradesh	10	06
Uttarakhand	01	02
West Bengal	00	01
Total	125	113

(c) It is pertinent to mention that maintenance of law and order is State subject and power to investigate in IPC crimes are vested with Police. Registration and detection of IPC crimes is the responsibility of Government Railway Police which works under the control of the State Government. As such, Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways. Most of the stone pelting incidents are due to mischief by school boys and slum dwellers residing nearby railway track. The areas of stone pelting have been identified and frequent raids are being conducted and the suspects are being apprehended and prosecuted. Following measures are being taken to prevent incidents of stone pelting:-

- i) Important trains are being escorted by RPF/ GRP.
- ii) Picketing and patrolling is being done in identified sections by RPF/ GRP.
- iii) The villagers those who reside nearby the Railway track are sensitized from time to time.