GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:838 ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013 NAXAL ATTACKS ON TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incidents of sabotage or attacks by Maoists/Naxalites on running trains during each of the last three years and the current year and the number of persons killed/injured in each of these incidents, zone-wise;
- (b) the amount of ex-gratia announced and paid to the victims in each of the above incidents; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Railways to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838 BY SHRI HARI MANJHI, SHRI YASHVIR SINGH, SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO, SHRI RAMESH BAIS, SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR AND SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING NAXAL ATTACK ON TRAINS.

- (a) and (b): The number of incidents of sabotage or attacks by Maoists/ Naxalites on running trains reported, number of persons killed / injured during the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (Upto June) and amount of ex-gratia announced and paid to the victims are Appended.
- (c): Policing on Railways is a State Subject and the prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the States concerned. As such, the cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Govt. Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP by deploying their staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations.

Regular co-ordination is being maintained with the State Governments concerned and intelligence inputs are shared with Intelligence Bureau, Government Railway Police/ Local Police from time to time.

Security arrangements in naxal affected areas have been augmented by increasing the strength of train escorting parties. The train escort parties are equipped with sophisticated weapons, sufficient ammunition, bullet proof jackets, walkie-talkies, dragon search lights etc. Additional deployment of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) is being made by the concerned State Governments in Railway as well as civil areas in naxal affected sections.