

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN COACHES STATIONED IN RAILWAY YARDS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is aware of cases of theft and incidents of crime in railway godowns and yards are increasing;
- (b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Railways thereto during the last three years including Mumbai, zone and year-wise;
- (c) whether criminal activities are occurring in unattended coaches stationed at railway yards in Mumbai and if so, the number of incidents occurred during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check the recurrence of such crimes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Except for slight increase in the incidents of crime in yards, theft in railway godowns & yards and incidents of crime in railway godowns have registered declining trend. The details of incidents of crime in godowns and yards are appended.

(c) & (d) A negligible number of criminal activities has been reported in unattended coaches stationed at railway yard in Mumbai during the last three years, details of which are given as under:

Year No. of cases of criminal activities reported
in unattended coaches stationed in yard in Mumbai

2011 1

2012 3

2013 1

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 Government Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) with available resource supplements the efforts of GRP.

The following measures are being taken by Railway to prevent criminal activities in yards:

1. Railway Protection Force personnel are deployed in the Godowns and Yards for patrolling duties.
2. Proper locking of stabled coaches is ensured in coordination with concerned departments.
3. Proper lighting arrangements have been made in the Godowns and Yards.
4. Unauthorised persons are prevented from entering into Godowns and Yards.

5. Extra vigil is kept on movement of suspicious characters in the Godowns and Yards.