

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF PASSENGERS FROM NAXAL ATTACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have prepared any action plan for protecting train passengers from naxalite attack;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for implementation of the said action plan; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Madam. Since policing over railways is the statutory responsibility of States, which is being discharged by them through the Government Railway Police (GRP), any action plan for protecting train passengers from naxal attack is to be prepared by the concerned States. Railways, through the Railway Protection Force supplement efforts of States in providing security to passengers.

Escorting of trains, deployment of Railway Protection Force/ Railway Protection Special Force staff in sufficient strength at all important stations, checking of Mail/Express trains, running of patrol special ahead of Mail/Express trains, maintenance of close coordination /liaison with concerned GRP/District Police authorities etc. are some of the measures initiated by concerned zonal railways for security of passengers in naxal affected sections.