

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4272
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015
SAFETY MEASURES IN TRAINS
Rao (Avnithi) Shri Muthamsetti Srinivasa

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether chain snatching in the Chennai- Hyderabad Charminar Express between Ammanabrolu and Uppugundur stations on Chirala-Ongole section of Vijayawada division is causing safety threats to rail passengers;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tighten the security and punish the culprits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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.4272 BY SHRI MUTHAMESETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.04.2015 REGARDING SAFETY MEASURES IN TRAINS.

(a): No, Madam. During the year 2015 only one incident of chain stanching has been reported in Chennai- Hyderabad Charminar Express between Ammanabrolu and Uppugundur stations on Chirala-Ongole section of Vijayawada division.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Policing on Railways is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation 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). Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of Government Railway Police by deploying its staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations.

Besides, the following steps are being taken by the Railways to strengthen security and vigil at railway stations and in trains:-

1. An Integrated Security System consisting of electronic surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, access control, Anti-sabotage checks has been finalized to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive railway stations.
2. RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police.
3. Security Helpline no. 182 has been introduced to provide security related assistance to the passengers in distress.
4. Quick Response Team is constituted to keep surveillance on the criminals in trains/ stations to prevent crime against women passengers.
5. RPF Crime prevention and detection squads and special teams are formed to keep surveillance on the criminals in trains/ stations to prevent crime.
6. Frequent announcements are made through Loud Hailers and PA system, advising the passengers to take precautions against theft, chain snatching, etc.