

Railway	Years (Figures in Rupees)		
	1997	1998	1999
South Central	1465065	989638	846724
South Eastern	2017601	1737833	1160400
Western	2889859	1352894	1118937

The following preventive measures are being taken to curb such thefts:—

- (1) Escorting of trains carrying valuable consignment over vulnerable sections as far as possible.
- (2) Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/section.
- (3) Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the conditions of wagons/seals, carrying consignments.
- (4) RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
- (5) Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.
- (6) Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.
- (7) Dog squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas.
- (8) Close coordination between RPF, GRP and Local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

(c) No, Sir.

Survey about ticketless Travellers

1019. SHRI DINA NATO MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about the ticketless travellers in the Railways;

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- (b) what is the volume of ticketless travellers in various Railways;
- (c) what is the revenue loss due to the same; and
- (d) whether in short distance journey ticketless travels is generally done with active or passive assistance from the Railway Staff itself; if so, whether there is any method of checking this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVADIJAY SINGH): (a) No specific comprehensive study about the menace of ticketless passengers has been conducted in the recent past. However, ticket checking performance is monitored on monthly basis.

(b) During the current year *i.e.* 1.4.99 to 31.12.99, 88.26 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket/improper ticket and an amount of Rs. 106.78 crores was realised over all Indian Railways. However, it is not possible to assess the exact volume of ticketless travellers.

(c) Loss of revenue due to ticketless travel is not quantifiable as the exact volume of ticketless travellers can not be assessed.

(d) Regular checks are conducted by the Vigilance and Anti-fraud squad no detect any irregularities being done by the ticket checking staff. Staff found conniving or abetting ticketless travelling are taken up under the provision of Disciplinary Rules.

Demand and supply of wagons in S.C. Railway

1020. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the stations under South Central Railways where wagons were indented during the last three years;
- (b) the number of wagons demanded and supplied to each station during the above period;
- (c) the reasons for short fall in supply of wagons in certain stations like Vizianagaram and Srikakulam; and
- (d) the steps proposed to meet the demand?