

During the period from April 2012 to June 2012, a large number of checks were conducted during which 930 unauthorized agents/touts were apprehended/prosecuted.

(c) During the current Financial Year (upto June 2012), Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has permanently deactivated 14 subagents for involvement in irregularities. Moreover, with a view to keep a check on the activities of agents booking Tatkal tickets, following additional steps have been taken:

- i. The timing of opening of reservation of Tatkal tickets has been changed to 1000 hours on the previous day of journey instead of 0800 hours as per earlier provision.
- ii. Access to Tatkal bookings has been denied to agents both through internet as well as across the computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters between 1000 hours & 1200 hours.
- iii. Captcha has been introduced to check fraudulent booking on internet through automation software.
- iv. Booking of only two tickets per IP address between 1000 hours and 1200 hours is permitted to avoid multiple booking from same office/internet cafe.
- v. Quick Book option and booking on cash card is not allowed between 1000 hours and 1200 hours.
- vi. Individual users can also book only two tickets between 1000 hours and 1200 hours.
- vii. No refund is granted on cancellation of confirmed Tatkal tickets except under special circumstances like cancellation of train, late running of train by more than three hours, etc.
- viii. Duplicate Tatkal tickets are not issued except on payment of full fare.
- ix. Facility of change of name is not available under this scheme.

#### **Doubling of railway lines in Odisha**

1539. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the doubling of Sambalpur-Talcher, Delang-Puri, Cuttack-Baranga, Bansapani-Tomka-Daitari and Jharsuguda-Rengali railway lines in Odisha which are of public importance; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to complete these projects on urgent footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The status of various doubling projects in Orissa are as under:

(Rs. in crores)					
Name of doubling Project	Latest anticipated cost	Exp. upto Mar, 2012	Outlay 2012-13	Progress	Target date of completion
Sambalpur-Talcher (174 km)	679.27	0	40	0%	March, 2013 (Angul-Kerejang section)
Delang-Puri (29 km)	170	0.48	40	0%	December, 2014
Cuttack-Barang doubling (14 km)	200	154.21	25	76%	April, 2013
Bansapani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura doubling (180 km)	942.45	42.35	100	4.5%	Not fixed.
Jharsuguda-Rengali (26 km)	213.13	153.82	25	73%	December, 2012

All these projects are progressing as per availability of resources.

#### **Proposals from Government of Odisha**

1540. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposals from Government of Odisha for sanction of railway links including missing links Nuapada-Gunupur BG Rail-link to Thiruveli, Badampahar to Keonjhar and Rupsa-Burhamara to Chakulia to expedite the mineral and industrial development of the State; and