

(d) Yes, Sir. But for this solitary incident, no breach of security has been reported after introduction of RPF escorting in this train.

(e) GRP/Karnal has registered four cases *vide* crime numbers 28, 29, 30 and 31/2014 under section 379 IPC dated 10.06.2014 and taken up investigation. Four RPF staff of escort party have been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings have been initiated against them for dereliction of duty.

(f) and (g) 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 in running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the States concerned. Railway Protection Force (RPF) with limited resources available supplements the efforts of GRP by deploying their staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations. Besides, strict instructions have been issued to train escort parties to be extra alert to prevent recurrence. Surprise checks are being carried out by Gazetted and Subordinate Officers to keep the escorts on toes. Regular coordination meetings are held with GRP and Civil Police where security issues are deliberated and views are exchanged to improve security of passengers.

Demand for model stations in Bihar

489. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to convert Khudiram Bose railway station and Karpurigram railway station in Bihar into Model stations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there have been several representations/demands to Government regarding it, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) The scheme of Model Station has been discontinued after November, 2008. However, essential passenger amenities have been provided at Khudiram Bose Pusa and Karpurigram stations.

(b) No representation for converting Khudiram Bose Pusa and Karpurigram stations as Model Stations have been received.

(c) Does not arise.