

staff were allayed. A large number of safeguards have been built in the YTSK Scheme to avoid its misuse which include, the restrictions relating to the opening time for booking of reservation at the YTSK counters for general as well as “Tatkal” booking, taking adequate financial security, not allowing booking of concessional tickets (except senior citizens tickets), non-availability of facility of block booking etc., restricted facility for cancellation of tickets, etc. Moreover, as the control of the booking windows is with Indian Railways, the connection can be disabled immediately, if any malpractice comes to notice.

Incidents of crime in Railways

†741. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of looting and robbery occurred during train journey in 2013-14, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cases registered and under trial, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made in 2013-14 to make railway journeys more safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) to (c) The number of incidents of dacoity (the term loot/looting is not defined in Indian Penal Code) and robbery occurred during train journey and cases registered and under trial for the years 2013 and 2014 (Upto October) is as under :

Year	No. of incident of dacoity registered	No. of incident of robbery registered	Under trial
2013	38	532	292
2014 (upto Oct.)	57	276	191

Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). However, Railway Protection Force supplements the efforts of the State Government Railway Police by deploying its staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations.

The other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to improve safety and security of passengers and also prevent recurrence of such incidents in future are as under :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1. On vulnerable and identified routes/ sections, 1300 trains (on an average) are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.
2. All the ladies special trains running in Metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF constables.
3. The ladies compartments in local trains are being escorted by RPF and GRP during peak / non-peak hours. Staff deployment is made during late night and early morning local trains to ensure proper security to the lady passengers.
4. 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.
5. An All India Security Helpline '1800-111-322' has been operational at Railway Board to enable passengers to seek security related assistance round the clock.
6. RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police (GRP).

Trains to connect more pilgrimage places

742. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has extended trains for pilgrimage purpose to some new areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA) : (a) to (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) operates various Tourist Trains for pilgrimage places all over the country through Bharat Darshan Trains, Buddhist Trains and State Special Trains. In addition, IRCTC is operating Religious Circuit trains as announced in Rail Budget 2014-15 for various pilgrim places.

The places covered are Tirupathi, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, Mysore, Shirdi, Nasik, Dwarka, Ujjain, Somnath, Mathura, Agra, Ajmer, Jaipur, Haridwar, Vaishno Devi, Ayodhya, Gaya, Varanasi, Nalanda, Rajgir, Kushinagr, Lumbini, Amritsar *etc.*