

they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of the GRP to provide security to passengers including women.

The following measures are being taken by Railways for safety and security of passengers including women passengers in trains:

1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 2500 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. The ladies special trains running in metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF constables.
3. The ladies compartments in sub-urban trains running in metropolitan cities are being escorted by RPF and GRP. Staff deployment is made during late night and early morning in such trains to ensure proper security to the lady passengers.
4. Security help line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.
5. During the drives, a total of 6,04,097 persons were arrested and prosecuted under the relevant provisions of the Railways Act, 1989 and an amount of ₹ 18.42 crore were realized in the tune of fine during the period of April, 2016 to June, 2016.
6. Close Circuit Television Cameras (CCTVs) have already been provided at 344 stations over Indian Railways. Railways have also planned to install Video Surveillance System (VSS) at 1000 stations under Nirbhaya Fund.
7. RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by GRP.

Security of railway bridges

†1468. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the security personnel deputed for the security of railway bridges in the country have been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would contemplate deputing RPF personnel to ensure the security of railway bridges in the country, including Delhi;

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- (c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, how would the security of railway bridges be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) As per extant provisions, the agency primarily responsible for ensuring security to railway tracks and bridges is State Government/Union Territory Administration. Accordingly, concerned District Police provides protection to railway bridges falling under its jurisdiction. No such report of withdrawal of security personnel has been received from zonal railways.

(b) and (c) Since protection of railway bridges falls in the domain of State Government concerned, there is no proposal for deputing Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel to protect railway bridges in the country, including Delhi.

(d) Close coordination and liaison has been maintained by Railways with concerned District Police to ensure security of bridges over Indian Railways.

Trains from Jaipur and Jodhpur railway stations

†1469. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of such trains operating from Jaipur and Jodhpur railway stations at present which have overall average occupancy of more than hundred per cent; and
- (b) whether Government plans to introduce new trains or increase the frequency of existing trains on those routes which have more than hundred per cent passenger load, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) On Indian Railways, the demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like during summer holidays, festivals etc. In the current year 2016-17 (upto June, 2016), 44 trains originating from Jaipur and Jodhpur had an overall occupancy of more than 100%.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to introduce new trains or increase the frequency of existing trains due to operational and resource constraints. However, special trains are run to cater to heavy demand during peak season like summer holidays, festivals etc.

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