

(CISF) has been entrusted security of Delhi Metro. The detection and prevention of crime falls under the domain of concerned State Police Department. Delhi Police has informed that it is not true that Delhi Metro Stations have become den of criminals committing crimes such as, carrying arms, snatching of ornaments and mobiles etc. Delhi Police has also informed that only two cases of snatching gold chains, five cases of mobiles and one case of purse have been reported during the years 2017 and 2018 (till 30.11.2018). During the last 02 years, 32 arms cases have been detected under the Arms Act, 1959 and 30 accused have been detained and handed over to the Metro Police by the CISF personnel at the passenger screening points. The following steps have been taken by Delhi Police to prevent crime in Delhi Metro:—

- (i) The Metro Stations are adequately covered under the jurisdiction of 14 Police Stations of Metro. The number of police stations have been increased from 8 to 14 on 10.12.2015.
- (ii) Delhi Police is doing regular patrolling on Metro Stations with a view to intercept and check the suspects.
- (iii) Group patrolling by Station House Officer and staff at all the Metro Police Stations is being done near Metro Stations to check suspects.
- (iv) Police Assistance Booths are functioning at major metro stations.
- (v) Private security companies working in Metro have been briefed to keep a watch on their staff and to have better supervision on their work.
- (vi) Regular liaison is being kept with the CISF authorities, and joint drives are conducted from time to time.

For sections of Delhi Metro network in the State of Haryana, Commissioner of Police, Gurugram has reported that only one case has been reported of snatching during the year 2016. Commissioner of Police, Faridabad has also informed that two cases under Arms Act, 1959 have been reported during the year 2018 (upto 30.11.2018). Besides CISF personnel, adequate police officials have been deputed outside the metro stations to prevent such incidents.

For sections of Delhi Metro network in the State of Uttar Pradesh (UP), Superintendent of Police, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar have informed that no such incidents have occurred during the last two years. However, to prevent such incidents and for the security of passengers, effective patrolling and checking facilities have been strengthened.

Surgical Strike Day

*39. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has suggested/recommended the educational institutions to celebrate a certain day as Surgical Strike Day, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for celebrating a day which essentially marks a cross-border military activity; and

(c) whether there are other such, or more important, military events which are currently a part of recommendations to educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India decided to observe Surgical Strike Day on 29th September, 2018 to commemorate the successes in the war against terrorism. Based on the request received from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of Human Resource Development requested University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to conduct following activities in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs):—

- (i) All HEIs with National Cadet Corps (NCC) units may be asked to have a special parade on 29th September, after which the NCC commander will address them on the modalities of protection of the borders.
- (ii) Other colleges were requested to organise a meeting inviting ex-service men to sensitise the students about the sacrifices made by the armed forces in protecting the borders.
- (iii) It was decided that Multimedia Exhibitions would be organised around India Gate on 29th September, 2018. Similar exhibitions would be organised at all the State Capitals/UTs and important towns/cantonments all over India as public event, citizen led and with the participation from college students also.
- (iv) The students were requested to pledge their support for the armed forces by writing letters and cards, which may be produced in both physical and digital formats and to share these letters and cards with PRO, Defence and PIB for publicity across various media, including social media.

(c) No such information is available with Ministry of Human Resource Development.