

Statement

Details of capacity constraints of corridors and capacity enhancement plans

A major portion of the passenger and freight traffic on Indian Railways is carried on the Golden Quadrilateral connecting Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai, their Diagonals and the Delhi-Guwahati route. These routes are called the High Density (HDN) Routes and together carry over 55% of the freight traffic though they form less than 20% of the rail network. There are 7 High Density routes which are Delhi - Howrah, Delhi - Mumbai, Mumbai - Howrah, Howrah - Chennai, Mumbai - Chennai, Delhi - Guwahati and Delhi - Chennai. Out of the 212 sections which form part of the 7 HDN routes, around 141 sections have a capacity utilisation of over 100%.

Railways are undertaking a large number of capacity augmentation works such as doubling, new lines, gauge conversion, construction of 3rd and 4th lines, provision of automatic signalling, upgradation of station signals, provision of loop lines, conversion of halt to crossing stations, provision of Intermediate block signalling, electrification, strengthening of tracks, yard remodelling, construction of fly-overs and bye-pass lines to ease congestion on the network especially on the High Density routes.

Robbery incidents in trains

1530. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of robbery and other related incidents are on the rise in Railways;
- (b) the details of robberies that have taken place in trains during the last three years;
- (c) the number of persons booked/convicted for robbery during the last three years;
- (d) whether security arrangements are adequate for the passengers in trains; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to provide adequate security to the passengers in the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) There is increase in the incidents of robbery reported during the year, 2010 in comparison to the years 2009 and 2008. However, there is decrease in the incidents of robbery reported during the year 2011 (upto June).

(b) and (c) The number of cases of robbery reported during the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 (upto June) in trains along with number of persons arrested and convicted over Indian Railways are as under:-

Year	No. of cases of Robbery reported in trains	Persons arrested	Persons convicted
2008	172	441	28
2009	198	615	52
2010	302	525	58
2011 (Upto June)	126	197	4

(d) and (e) 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 Police, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. As such the cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Govt. Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) 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 railway stations.

The following measures are being taken by the Railways for security of the passengers:-

1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 1275 trains are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily on an average, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.
2. An Integrated Security System consisting of electronic surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, access control, Anti-sabotage checks has been approved to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive and vulnerable Railway stations.
3. Regular coordination meetings are held with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police (GRP).
4. Public awareness against crime like Drugging of passengers is done through regular announcements at stations and in trains,
5. An amendment in the Railway Protection Force Act to enable Railway Protection Force to deal with the passenger related offences more effectively is under active consideration.