

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3648

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002

SPECIAL DRIVE TO CHECK PASSENGERS CARRYING GOODS WITHOUT TICKET

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the special team of the Railways have conducted any special drive to catch passengers travelling without a valid ticket or carrying goods without booking;
- (b) if so, the number of passengers caught without ticket or carrying goods without booking since January, 1998, till date;
- (c) whether several railway officers are found to be involved in this illegal act during checking;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government against these officers;
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure travelling with a valid ticket and to fix responsibility of the officers in this regard;
- (f) whether any proposal has been implemented in regard to preventing such illegal acts during the last two years; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Ticket Checking drives are a regular feature on the Railways.

(b): A Statement is attached.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, regular and surprise checks are conducted to check malpractices, if any, being indulged in by the ticket checking staff and disciplinary action taken against the erring staff.

(e) to (g): The Railways are taking continuous steps to ensure that all the passengers travel with valid ticket/authority. Physical checks are carried out involving a large number of railway staff and officers. The Police and Railway Magistrates are also involved during the drives. Test checks on weight of the luggage booked as well as unbooked luggage are also carried out during these checks. Regular train checking is also done by ticket checking staff manning the train. The persons found travelling unauthorisedly are taken up under relevant rules.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Unstarred Question No.3648 by S/Shri Shri Abdul Rashid Shaheen & Shivaji Mane to be answered in Lok Sabha on 12.12.2002 regarding Special drive to check passengers carrying goods without ticket

Year	Cases of ticketless travel detected (in lakhs)	Cases of unbooked luggage detected (in lakhs)	Total
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1998	107.64	39.77	147.41
1999	115.70	42.32	158.02
2000	127.35	44.20	171.55
2001	140.77	47.50	188.27
2002 (upto Sep, 02)	107.44	37.46	144.90