

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOUTS IN RAILWAY RESERVATION CENTRES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the various Railway Reservation Centres of Delhi and Lucknow, Varanasi, Jaunpur and Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh and various other cities are full with the touts;
- (b) whether the reservation employees work openly for the touts;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to take proper steps to prevent this nexus between the touts and the reservation employees to control the blackmarketing of the railway tickets; and
- (d) if so, the time by when the check is likely to put down; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) & (b): Some cases have come to notice where touts were found operating at some of the reservation centres and on a few occasions, the reservation staff were detected conniving with them.
- (c) to (e): Frequent checks are conducted in reservation offices by Vigilance & Commercial departments and the Police against touts and other anti-social elements at all major stations including Delhi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Jaunpur and Azamgarh stations. Touts are prosecuted under relevant provisions of law and disciplinary action is taken against railway staff found conniving with them.