

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOUTS AT DARBHANGA RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the touts have created menace at Darbhanga railway station who do not allow the passengers to get a rail ticket from ticket windows, extort huge sum from them and all this happens in connivance with the railway staff;
- (b) if so, whether any action has been taken against such elements;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any surprise raids have been conducted by the Government during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) 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 Darbhanga station of North Eastern Railway. During the last three years i.e. 1998, 1999 & 2000, 17 persons were apprehended at Darbhanga station and prosecuted under the relevant provisions of law. However, no connivance of railway staff at Darbhanga came to notice.