

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1037
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
FAKE TICKET CHECKERS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item captioned `Khuleam Loot Khasot Karte Rahe Farji T.T.E.` appearing in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated December, 22, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the number of impersonators T.T.E. arrested so far and the action taken against them; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check such type of incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The news-item narrating the incident of 21.12.2000 was factually incorrect as a large number of ticket checking staff alongwith Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police and other senior officers were available at New Delhi railway station. No complaint was lodged by any passenger at the railway station. The Chief Public Relations Officer of the Railway has also advised the Editor of Rashtriya Sahara for publishing a rejoinder clarifying the Railway's position and also requesting them to avoid misreporting of such news items.

(c): Twenty-three persons have been arrested during the last year and handed over to the Police for legal action.

(d): The Railway staff have been advised to be on the look out for any person masquerading as Travelling Ticket Examiner. Checks are also conducted by the railway staff at platforms to detect imposters indulging in such malpractices. Announcements are also made on the public address system advising the passengers to beware of such persons.