

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1068
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
THEFT OF BOOKED GOODS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of theft of goods booked with the railways are continuously increasing in various railway zones despite the existence of railway police force;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of incidents of theft of goods and coal took place in various railway zones during the last two years and the current year so far, zone-wise alongwith the value thereof;
- (d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details of the findings thereof;
- (f) the number of persons found involved therein and the action taken against them;
- (g) the details of goods recovered from them during the said period;and
- (h) the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir. The incidents of theft of goods booked with the railways have not increased.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The number of thefts cases of booked consignment and coal alongwith the value of property stolen and recovered during the last two calendar years and current year i.e. 1999, 2000 and 2001 (upto January) is given in Appendix I.
- (d) to (f) The enquiry in to all theft cases is conducted and criminals are being dealt under the provision of RP(UP) Act. A statement showing the number of persons found involved therein and details of action taken against them during the last two calendar years i.e. 1999 & 2000, zone-wise is given in Appendix II.
- (g) Details given against (c) above.
- (h) The following preventive measures are being taken to avoid such recurrence in future:-
 1. Escorting of trains carrying valuable consignments over vulnerable sections as far as possible.
 2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections.
 3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the conditions of wagons/seals, carrying consignments.
 4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
 5. Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect criminal intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.
 6. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.
 7. Dog squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas.
 8. Close coordination between RPF, GRP and Local Police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

APPENDIX-I

(APPENDIX I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1068 FOR 1.3.2001)

STATEMENTS SHOWING THE CASES OF THEFT OF BOOKED CONSIGNMENT AND COAL DURING THE PERIOD 1999, 2000 AND 2001 (UPTO JANUARY)

Rlys Year	Booked Consignment		Coal		No.of Cases Stolen	Value of Property Recovered	No.of cases Stolen	Value of Property Recovered
	No.of Cases Stolen	Value of Property Recovered	No.of cases Stolen	Value of Property Recovered				
C.R.	1999	266	2295067	1216830	56	29641	29641	
	2000	179	1150001	823647	55	23320	23020	
	2001	14	127723	60550	6	2580	2580	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
E.R.	1999	1275	8307382	1711862	112	56700	156300	
	2000	1001	4781674	1013325	54	133155	154065	
	2001	85	666103	124043	7	9140	9140	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
N.R.	1999	505	2810534	1830281	8	75075	7720	
	2000	484	4075767	2617614	11	64475	2725	
	2001	27	78100	58000	-	-	-	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
N.E.R	1999	269	1869663	330386	1	300	300	
	2000	186	2554864	1314401	-	-	-	
	2001	20	110425	66450	-	-	-	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
N.FR.	1999	112	899892	378415	-	-	-	
	2000	65	2397961	333546	1	1500	1500	
	2001	6	23550	17650	-	-	-	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
S.R.	1999	198	2705532	240622	-	-	-	
	2000	178	1717336	300505	-	-	-	
	2001	6	44320	44320	-	-	-	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
S.C.R	1999	193	846724	214792	27	36450	36450	
	2000	183	746615	174925	30	30190	30190	
	2001	4	6648	28250	3	2100	2100	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
S.E.R	1999	206	1160400	496272	3	12105	12105	
	2000	125	669086	142144	6	1874	1874	
	2001	6	27787	4500	1	25	25	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
W.R.	1999	181	1118937	506157	56	12975	12975	
	2000	186	2003483	1025394	53	16630	16630	
	2001	5	101230	99650	4	500	500	
	Upto 31 Jan.							
Total	1999	3595	24625285	6925617	263	223246	255491	
	2000	2913	21961122	7745501	210	271144	230004	
	2001	173	1185886	503413	21	14345	14345	
	Upto 31 Jan.							