

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CHEATING AND MISLEADING OF UNEDUCATED RURAL PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of cheating and misleading the passengers and particularly the uneducated rural labourers by touts at Patna, Muzzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Samastipur and Chhapra stations of Bihar have continuously been increasing;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to take action against these agents and ticket collectors;
- (c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Some instances have come to notice. To prevent touts and anti-social elements indulging in such malpractices, frequent checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance departments and sometimes in association with the Police, at all major stations including Patna, Muzzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Samastipur and Chhapra stations of Bihar. Persons found indulging in such malpractices are apprehended and prosecuted under relevant provisions of law. Disciplinary action is taken against the Railway staff, if found involved in such activities.