

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1620
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2003
SECURITY CHARGES ON RAILWAY TICKETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the unprecedented increase in the rail accidents during the last two years;
- (b) whether some amount has been added on account of railway security in the passenger tickets;
- (c) if so, the total amount received under this head through the tickets during each of the last three years, till date; and
- (d) the details of amount spent out of it to check the rail accidents?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1620 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2003 REGARDING SECURITY CHARGES ON RAILWAY TICKETS

(a): As a result of concerted efforts made by the Indian Railways, the number of consequential train accidents has come down from 414 in 2001-02 to 351# in 2002-03. In the period April-June 2003, the number of accidents has come down to 85+ as compared to 103# in the same period last year.

(# Figures are provisional)

(b): No amount has been added on tickets on account of security. However, a surcharge was levied on tickets for Railway safety with effect from 1.10.2001.

(c): Year wise collection of Safety Surcharge on Passenger Fare is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

YEAR	AMOUNT
2001-02 (October 2001 to March 2002)	304.86
2002-03	602.51
2003-04 (upto May 2003)	89.53

(d) The Safety Surcharge so collected is being fully utilized towards safety related works included in the GreenBook, through the 'Special Railway Safety Fund' (SRSF), which is also credited with contribution from Ministry of Finance received in the form of dividend free Gross Budgetary Support and in addition to the Safety Surcharge so collected. The shortfall in surcharge collection is made up through revenue surplus. Actual expenditure on works allocated to SRSF as also the source of funding are given below:-

Rs. In crores

Year	Actual Expenditure Budgetary	Through Gross Surcharge	Through Safety Revenue	From Revenue/Rev
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Support

Surplus

2001-02	1434.28	1000.00	304.86	129.42
2002-03	2486.32	1350.00	602.51	533.81
2003-04	2310.66	1600.00	710.66	Nil

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