

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:402
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REVENUE LEAKAGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways are incurring losses worth crores of rupees due to revenue leakage in various departments of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details of measures taken to check it; and
- (c) the number of persons caught and the details of action taken against them ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The details of measures taken to check it are given in the statement enclosed.
- (c) The details of persons caught during last three years who have been taken up suitably under Discipline and Appeal Rules are as under:-

Year	No. of persons
2001	6305
2002	6898
2003 (January to September, 2003)	3924

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPART(b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 402 BY SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH T BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2003 REGARDING ' REVENUE LEAKAGES'

- (b) The Ministry of Railways have taken a number of steps to tackle the problem of losses due to revenue leakage in various areas such as passenger, parcel and goods booking, scrap disposal and payment to staff. Some of the result oriented measures are as under:-

Passenger, parcel and goods booking.

In passenger booking, intensive preventive checks at important stations including booking/reservation, platforms and trains are being organized by Railway Vigilance in addition to the regular ticket checking done by the Commercial Department. In parcel and luggage booking, checks are being organized to detect cases of wrong classification and overloading. In goods rakes, random checks are carried out to detect incidences of overloading. In addition to existing mechanical weighbridges, electronic-in-motion weighbridges have been installed at various strategic locations to facilitate checking of rakes while in motion without causing detentions.

Scrap Disposal

In the area of scrap disposal, following steps have been taken to prevent leakage of revenue:

- a. Intensive checks are carried out to reduce incidences of leakages and to curb the malpractices.
- b. In addition to existing mechanical weighbridges, electronic weighbridges are being provided at depots and sheds from where scrap material is delivered to purchaser.
- c. Accountal of rail and Permanent-way material is being computerized.

Payment to Staff

Checks in various areas such as salaries, allowances, bonus, loans/advances, involving payments to staff and leave accounts have been intensified by Zonal Railways and regular monitoring in these areas is done by Railway Board to detect cases of fraudulent/over payments.