

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2037

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THEFT OF NSC KISAN VIKAS PATRA IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways are aware of the scam of mortgaging `Kisan Vikas Patras` and National Saving Certificates printed at National Press Nasik that lost en route while being transported by railway and thus they are being misused to get the contract and laws;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Railways are also aware of the article published in the weekly magazine `Outlook`, New Delhi dated July 24, 2006 under the caption `Chori Aur Seena Jori`;
- (d) If so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) The names of the departments of Union Government responsible for the above incident and the action taken against them; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. A case of theft of National Savings Certificates (NSC), Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) and Postal Orders etc. was reported at Patna Jn. Railway Yard in the year 1998 from wagon No. CR 64037 booked from National Press, Nasik Road to Howrah.

(b) : On 20.02.1998 on receipt of information about victimization of wagon no. CR 64037 booked from National Press, Nasik Road to Howrah at Patna Jn. Yard, the wagon was checked at Patna Parcel Office and shortage of 04 packages containing National Savings Certificates (NSC), Kisan Vikas Patra

(KVP) and Postal Orders was found. In this connection Government Railway Police / Patna registered a case vide crime No.29/98 dated 24.02.1998 under sections 468/409/120-B Indian Penal Code (IPC) and took up investigation.

On 01.04.1998, after getting information from some passengers, the Railway Protection Force staff of Mughalsarai recovered 4000 sheets of 5 1/2 yearly Kisan Vikas Patra valued at Rs.4 crores from a compartment of Train No.3073 Himgiri Express at Mughalsarai Railway station. The recovered sheets of Kisan Vikas Patra were handed over to GRP/Patna.

(c) to (f) : Yes, Sir. The Post Master General / Bihar, Chief Commissioner Income Tax, Bihar, State Railway Police / Patna were informed to take necessary steps to prevent misuse of the stolen National Savings Certificates (NSC), Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) and Postal Orders. Government Railway Police / Patna has recently registered a case vide no. 225/2006 in connection with the use of stolen valuable security for getting contracts and took up investigation. 12 RPF officers and staff of Danapur Division, who were held responsible for the theft were charge- sheeted and departmentally punished.