



# Railway Protection Force



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The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been constituted under the RPF Act, 1957 (as amended in the year 1985 and 2003) for better protection and security of railway property, passenger areas, passengers and matters connected therewith. RPF functions under the Ministry of Railways.

RPF is empowered under the 'Railways Act, 1989' to deal with 29 offences related to alarm chain pulling, roof travelling, touting, ticketless travel, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies, unauthorized vending, trespass etc. and under the 'Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act 1966' to deal with offences related to theft, dishonest misappropriation and unlawful possession of railway property. It is also empowered to impose fine under The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. Recently, the force has been empowered to conduct search, seizure and arrest under NDPS Act too.

Indian Railways supplement the efforts of States in providing security to passengers over Railways through the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

### Efforts made to strengthen Railway Security:

a) **Security of passengers:** On vulnerable and identified routes, 2500 trains and 2200 trains (on an average) are escorted by the RPF and GRP respectively and access control is being done to strengthen security at important railway stations. Crime Prevention & Detection Squads of RPF with task forces constituted by GRP also keep vigil over criminals in trains and stations to check passenger related offences. Prosecution of offenders is being done by RPF under the provisions of the Railways Act, besides detection of passenger related crime and handing over of accused to GRP for further legal action. Regular analysis of crime/modus operandi of criminals at Divisional, Zonal and Railway Board level is done for detection of cases.

With a view to ensure safety and security of passengers, RPF arrested total 8453 criminals and handed them to concerned GRPs for further legal action during the year 2018 and 2019 (upto April).

b) **Crime against railway property:** RPF personnel arrested 6820 and 1920 accused and prosecuted them under the provisions of the RP(UP) Act with recovery of stolen railway property worth Rs.3.28 crores (approx.) and Rs.81 lakhs (approx.) during the year 2018 and 2019 (upto April).

c) **Improving co-ordination among various security agencies over Railways:** With a view to have a robust coordination mechanism for deliberating issues concerning railways, State Level Security Committees for Railways (SLSCRs) have been constituted in each State under the chairmanship of DGPs of respective States with representatives of RPF, GRP, Intelligence & IB. The functioning of these SLSCRs have proved to be immensely useful for sorting out issues concerning railway security.

### Efforts of RPF to assist passengers:

**Recovery of left over luggage :** RPF restored left behind luggage to 9616 and 3003 passengers in 2018 and 2019 (upto April) respectively. Value of recovered luggage stands at about Rs.15.99 crore and 5.14 crore respectively.

**Saving of life:** Life of 69 and 51 passengers was saved due to alertness and swift action by on duty RPF staff in platforms, railway track and trains in the year 2018 and 2019 (till April) respectively.

**Assistance through Security Helpline 182:** A round the clock security helpline 182 is functional over entire network of Indian Railways. This Security Helpline is operationalised through Divisional Security Control Rooms of RPF. A total of 25166 and 10254 passengers have been provided with security related assistance by RPF during the year 2018 and 2019 (upto April) respectively.

**Assistance through Twitter Handle:** Security related complaints/suggestions, received through MR Twitter handle @RailMinIndia, are swiftly attended and necessary follow-up action is initiated. A total of 55894 distressed passengers have been provided with assistance through Twitter handle of Ministry of Railways by RPF since 2015 upto 2019 (upto April).

### Important telephone no.

Phone	Phone (DoT)
Government Railway Police (GRP) Helpline	1512
Security Helpline	182
Security Control Room/ Railway Board	011- 23303983
	011- 23303784
Auto Fax	011-23303748
	011- 23387981