



Railway Protection Force



The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has been constituted under the RPF Act 1957 for better protection and security of railway property, passenger areas and passengers and matters connected therewith. An Armed Force of the Union, the RPF functions under the Ministry of Railways and administrative set-up of the Force is according to the administrative set-up of the Indian Railways. 12 battalions of “Railway Protection Special Force” (RPSF), located in different parts of the country, also functions under the Force and three more RPSF Battalions are being set up, including one Mahila Battalion, for further strengthening of the railway security.

RPF is empowered to deal with offences related to theft, dishonest misappropriation and unlawful possession of railway property under the ‘Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966’. The Force is also empowered under the Railways Act 1989 to deal with offences related to roof traveling, tout-ing, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies, unauthorized vending, trespass etc.

Policing on the Railways being the constitutional responsibility of State Governments, State Police have a separate wing in the name of Government Railway Police (GRP) for the registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order within railway premises as well as running trains. 50% of the cost on GRPs is shared by the Railways with respective States.

Upgradation of security infrastructure has been identified as one of the priority areas by Railways to supplement efforts of States for strengthening of security of passengers. An Integrated Security System comprising of Internet Protocol based CCTV System, Access Control, Personal & Baggage Screening System and Explosive Detection & Disposal System is being installed at vulnerable stations of the country for enhancing surveillance mechanism at such stations.

For speedy dissemination of data, feedback and complaints, networking of RPF Posts and Security Control Rooms is underway. Pilot phase of the Networking Project is running successfully over 187 locations covering Central Railway, Western Railway and all zonal control rooms. In the second phase, all the RPF Posts and security control rooms over Indian Railways will be networked. Work is also under progress for setting up of an All India Security Help-Line to provide a unique Help-Line no. to passengers for round the clock security related assistance.

On an average, 1275 trains are escorted by RPF daily, besides escorting of around 2200 Mail/Express Trains by the GRP.

A Security Control Room is functioning round the clock in the Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi. In case of any emergency, the important telephone numbers are given below-

	Railway Phone No	DOT Phone No
Security Control Room	030-43982	011- 23303982
	030-43983	011- 23303983
	030-43748	011- 23303748
Auto Fax	030-43784	011- 23303784
	030-43748	011- 23387981
Central Crime Bureau (CCB)	030-43656	011-23303656