

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 357
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

CHILD PROTECTION CENTRES AT STATIONS

***357. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start child protection centres at railway stations due to the increasing rate of missing children;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 357 BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2019 REGARDING CHILD PROTECTION CENTRES AT STATIONS

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Railways, in coordination with Ministry of Women and Child Development and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, have issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which includes a protocol for rescue of children found abandoned on railway stations or trafficked through trains. Accordingly, Ministry of Women and Child Development in coordination with Ministry of Railways, have set up Child Help Desks/Kiosks at 126 important and major Railway Stations which are manned by representatives of the organization nominated by Ministry of Women and Child Development. The runaway/missing/abandoned children are rescued from stations by Child Help Group comprising of Station Superintendent/Station master, Station House Officer (SHO)/Government Railway Police (GRP), Inspector/Railway Protection Force (RPF), Sr. Section Engineer (Works), and in trains by GRP, RPF, Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) & Ticket Collector (TC). The children so rescued are handed over to these Child Help Desks/kiosks and in turn to Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in coordination with GRP. In addition, RPF supplements the efforts of GRP of the State concerned in rescuing the children from trafficking and to ensure safety and security of children at stations.
