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Railways Intensifies Drive Against Touts

In special drives, Railways have apprehended 1368 touts involved in selling tickets unauthorisedly in the recent past. Of these, 64 have been nabbed in Delhi alone. They were found indulging in black marketing of tickets, particularly during the ongoing festive season.

Major drives against this nefarious activity have been launched by the Commercial Department of the Railways along with Railway Protection Force and Vigilance officials. Checks are being conducted by special teams during the peak ticketing period at major locations like Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Varanasi, Kolkata, Chennai and other important locations all over the country. A strict watch is being kept by special teams at State capitals and important cities, particularly during the rush hour, i.e. from 7.30 am to 9.00 am. An action plan has been drafted as a result of which squads of Commercial Officers and Ticket Checking staff has been formed to conduct special surprise checks at stations, reservation centres and also in trains to curb the activity of anti-social elements such as touts. Monitoring of these teams is being done at top management level. Railways will continue to maintain a tight vigil against such activities to enable smooth and hassle-free journey of passengers particularly during the festival of Diwali and Chat Puja.

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