TERRORIST ATTACKS ON RAILWAYS: The Indian Experience

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INDIAN RAILWAY
RAILWAY NETWORK OF INDIA

Spread over:
16 - Zonal Rlys
5 - Production units
SALIENT FEATURES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS

- World's largest Railway under single management
- 63,122 route kilometers with 6,909 Stations
- Carries about 17 million passengers a day
- Lifts about two million tonnes freight a day
- Employs 14,00,000 staff
### Trains Running per Day - 9415

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<td>10,518</td>
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Two-tier security system

- State Police (provided by State Governments)

RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURITY AGENCIES

STATE POLICE
• Law and order problems on Railways.
• Prevention and detection of Passenger related crimes.
• Security of Railway tracks and bridges

RPF
• Security of Railway Property, Passengers, Passenger area and matters connected therewith.
MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACKS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS
Separatist extremism with covered foreign support

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# Militant Attacks on Indian Railway System

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MAJOR TERROR ATTACKS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

- Brahmaputra Mail bombing 1996-killed 33
- Lehra Khanna Train Blast 1997-killed 33
- New Jalpaigudi Station Blast 1999-killed 09
- Jammu Station bombing 2000-Killed 05
- Kurnool Train crash 2002-killed 20
- Rafiaganj Rail disaster 2002-killed 130
- Jammu Station bombing 2004-killed 04
- Jaunpur Train bombing 2005-killed 14
- Ahmedabad Railway station 2006-killed 25
- Ambush on RPSF escorting staff in Assam
- Varanasi Blasts 2006-killed 15
- Bombay Suburb Train Blasts 2006-killed 188
- Haldibari Train Blast 2006-killed 10
- Samjhauta Exp Blast 2007-killed 68
- CSTM Station 2008-killed 57
Blast in Samjhauta Express
(18-02-2007)

Near – Panipat (Haryana) Contd..
Blast in Samjhauta Express
(18-02-2007)
Blast in the night of 18th February 2007.
68 People killed, 44 could be identified (36 Pak nationals and 08 Indians including 03 RPF personnel on escort duty.
RDX Bomb kept in general coach
Suspects:- A terrorist group
THE ATTACK on 26/11/2008

- Two Fidayeens entered the Main Line Hall in the guise of commuters with large sling bags at about 21.56 hrs.

- Entered into the toilet and took out their AK-47 and hand Grenades and returned to General Hall where they lobbed the grenades and started indiscriminate firing in all direction.

- They took a round of the Hall and proceeded towards Main Line Booking Office and fired towards Car Parking area and Annexe Building in front of CST Station.

- They returned to Main Line Hall and proceeded towards Suburban Line while firing at Offices, Booking Counters and Announcement Room.

- Finally the terrorists moved out of suburban line and arrived at subway gate in front of BMC where they faced encounter by RPF.
RETALIATION BY SECURITY FORCES

❖ One GRP Inspector tries to encounter but gets killed.

❖ When they reach platform No.3, one RPF Constable fires one round and the terrorists enter into PF No.3 Buffer end apprehending danger.

❖ Then the terrorists emerge with burst fire and go out of station building in BMC side. Here 3 RPF Officers fire 48 rounds and the terrorist retreat to PF No.1 and look for escape route. They enter into a train and come to PF No.2-3 and climb up the FOB in Kalyan end and get down behind TOI Building and move towards Cama Hospital. GRP Personnels fire 14 rounds.

❖ 57 people killed and 97 injured in CST Railway premises including 01 GRP, 01 RPF, 01 Home Guard personnel and 3 Railway Employees.
MOVEMENT OF TERRORISTS

- Get down from Cab
- Enter into Gen Hall
- Toilet where they draw Arms
- Lobbing of Grenade
- Charge magazine and open fire
- X-Ray Baggage Scanner
- GRP Inspector’s encounter
- Grenade attack & firing
- RPF opens fire
- Terrorist hide inside dead end
- Terrorists come out of suburban
- RPF officers take position
- Again came back on PF No.1
- Enter on PF No.1 through empty local train
- Terrorists on FOB
- Flee towards City area.
TERRORIST STRIKE AT CST STATION ON 26/11/2008 (A FEW PICTURES)
RPF IN ACTION
THE CARNAGE
MAIN LINE WAITING HALL
ABANDONED BELONGINGS OF THE VICTIMS
COUNTER-TERRORIST MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE INDIAN RAILWAYS
• **LONG TERM MEASURES:**
  • Coordinated policy on rail security, encompassing freights, passenger traffic.
  • Thorough risk/threat analysis of the Railway Infrastructure.
  • Emergency Planning and Management.
  • Effective Intelligence machinery.
  • Proper coordination between the intelligence and security agencies.
  • Effective Police Patrol and surveillance.
  • Change in the Architecture/Engineering Design of the Railway Stations and the Railway coaches to minimise terrorist attack risks.
  • Training of personnel and passengers.
  • Enforcement of ‘Integrated Security System’.
• **SHORT TERM MEASURES:**

• Deployment of additional Armed Police and RPF personnel in the Railway premises.
• Escorting of trains by Armed personnel.
• Improved physical security in the Railway Stations.
• Use of sniffer Dogs.
• Use of scientific methods for detecting and preventing acts of sabotage and disposal of Explosives etc.
• Reviewing and strengthening of basic security arrangements like installation of CCTVs, DFMDs, HHMDs.
• Plugging of unauthorised entry/exit points.
• Intensive publicity and public awareness campaign.
• Close coordination with other security agencies/Intelligence agencies.
RECENT INITIATIVES

• RPF Mitra Yojna – Community policing concept on Railways.
• Involving Railway passengers/public who have been helped by RPF at some point of time in controlling criminal activities over Indian Railways.
• Using the above persons as “Anti-Terrorism Cooperator” wherein they will inform about suspicious objects or persons to RPF/GRP/Railway staff.
• Utilizing them for bringing improvement in discipline and conduct of RPF personnel by obtaining genuine feedbacks about their functioning in the field.
• Utilizing them in building image of the RPF as well as the Railways.
• Willing persons are made part of the Notification system and issued with an Identity Card.
RECENT INITIATIVES - INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM

Proposed “Integrated Security System” will include:

- IP based CCTV surveillance system with minimum 30 days’ recording facility and inbuilt intelligent softwares.
- Access control
- Personal and baggage screening system
- Explosive detection and disposal system.
RECENT INITIATIVES - TRAINING

• Select Force Personnel are being sent for Commando training and they will be kept at strategic locations for immediate emergency response.

• RPF officers are being sent abroad to study Security System of Railway set up of the countries facing similar challenge.
CONCLUSION

❖ United we can fight this hydra headed monster more effectively and eradicate it from the global map.

❖ Looking for international cooperation in training and security infrastructure
THANK YOU