

RPF is a statutory Force constituted under the Railway Protection Force Act 1957. It is an Armed Force of the Union.

To remove any obstruction in the movement of railway property.

To perform other functions of an armed force of the Union and to exercise powers of a railway servant as conferred by or under the Indian Railways Act, 1890."

To identify potential situations where crime can take place (against railway property, be it static, in-transit or mobile) and effect remedial measures.

Facilitate passenger-travel and security by removing all anti-social elements from trains, railway premises and passenger area.

Remain vigilant to prevent trafficking in women and children and take appropriate action to rehabilitate destitute children found in Railway areas.

Co-operate with other departments of the Railways in improving the efficiency and image of the Indian Railways.

Act as a bridge between the Government Railway Police/local police and the Railway administration.

Adopt proactively all modern technology, best human rights practices, management techniques and special measures for protection of female and elderly passengers and children, in the pursuit of these objectives.

To register and take up enquires under the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act 1966, apprehend the offenders & participate in subsequent legal proceedings.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE AS PER SECTION 11 OF RPF ACT 1957 AMENDED 2003.

(A) Promptly to obey and execute all orders lawfully issued to him by his Superior Authority.

(B) To protect and safeguard Railway Property, Passenger Area and Passengers,

(C) To remove any obstruction in the movement of Railway Property or Passenger Area.

(D) To do any other act conducive to the better protection and security of Railway Property, Passenger Area and Passengers.

MISSION STATEMENT-----We shall

- Protect and safeguard Railway Passengers, Passenger area and Railway property.
- Ensure the safety, security and boost the confidence of the traveling public on the Indian Railways.

OBJECTIVES-----We shall

- Carry on an unrelenting fight against criminals in protecting Railway Passengers, Passenger area and Railway property.
- Facilitate passenger-travel and security by removing all anti-social elements from trains, railway premises and passenger area.
- Remain vigilant to prevent trafficking in women and children and take appropriate action to rehabilitate destitute children found in Railway area.
- Co-operate with other departments of the Railways in improving the efficiency and image of the Indian Railways.
- Act as a bridge between the Government Railway Police/Local Police and the Railway Administration.

- Adopt pro-actively all modern technology, best human rights practices, management Techniques and special measures for protection of female and elderly passengers and children, in the pursuit of these objectives.

LEGAL POWERS OF RPF

A) Powers under RPF Act 1957 (Amendment 2003)

Section 12 – Powers to arrest without warrant: -

Any member of the Force may, without an order from a Magistrate and without a warrant, arrest:

- (i) Any person, who voluntarily causes hurt to, or attempts voluntarily to cause hurt to, or wrongfully restraints or attempts wrongfully to restraint, or assaults, threatens to assault, or uses or threatens or attempts to use, criminal force to him or any other member of the Force in the execution of his duty as such member, or with intent to prevent or to deter him from discharging his duty as such members or in consequence or anything done or attempted to be done by him in the lawful discharge of his duty as such member; or
- (ii) Any person who has been concerned in or against whom a reasonable suspicion exists of his having been concerned in, or who is found taking precautions to conceal his presence under circumstances which afford reason to believe that he is taking such precautions with a view to committing a cognizable offence which relates to railway property, passenger area and passengers.
- (iii) Any person found taking precautions to conceal his presence within the railway limits under circumstances which afford reason to believe that he is taking such precautions with a view to committing theft of, or damage to railway property, passenger area and passengers.
- (iv) Any person who commits or attempts to commit a cognizable offence which involves or which is likely to involve imminent danger to the life of any person engaged in carrying on any work relating to railway property, passenger area and passengers.

Section 13 - Powers to search without warrant: -

1. Whenever any member of the Force, not below the rank of a Senior Rakshak, has reason to believe that any such offence as is referred to in section 12 has been or is being committed and that a search warrant cannot be obtained without affording the offender an opportunity of escaping or of concealing evidence of the offence he may detain him and search his person and belongings forthwith and, if he thinks proper arrest any person whom he has reason to believe to have committed the offence.
2. The provision of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 relating to searches under that Code shall, so far as May, be applied to searches under this section.

B. Powers under Railway Act 1989 (Amended 2003) with effect from 01.07.2004.

Any member of the Force can detect & prosecute any who violates the provision of Railway Acts for the following offences.

I			
I	Section	137	Fraudulently Traveling Without Proper Pass Or Ticket.
II	Section	138	Levy of Excess Charges and Fare for Traveling Without Ticket.
III	Section	139	Power To Remove Persons Failing Or Refusing To Pay The Fare.
IV	Section	141	Needlessly Interfering With Means Of Communications.
V	Section	142	Penalty For Transfer Of Tickets.

VI	Section	143	Penalty For Unauthorized Selling Of Tickets.
II			
I	Section	144	Unauthorized Hawking And Begging.
II	Section	145	Drunkenness Or Nuisance.
III	Section	146	Obstructing Railway Servant In His Duty.
IV	Section	147	Trespass.
IV	Section	153	Endangering Safety Of Traveling Passengers By Railway By Willful Act Or Omission.
VI	Section	154	Endangering Safety Of Traveling Passengers By Negligent Act Or Omission.
III			
I	Section	155	Entering Into Reserved Compartment Or Resisting Entry To A Reserved Compartment.
II	Section	156	Traveling On Roof, Steps Or Engine Of A Train.
III	Section	157	Altering Or Defacing By Pass Or Ticket.
IV	Section	159	Disobedience By Drivers Or Conductors Of Vehicles To Directions Of Railway Servants.
V	Section	160	Opening Or Breaking A Level Crossing Gate.
VI	Section	161	Negligently Crossing Unmanned Level Crossing.
IV			
I	Section	162	Entering Carriage Or Place Reserved For Females.
II	Section	163	Giving False Accounts Of Goods.
III	Section	164	Unlawfully Bringing Dangerous Goods On Railways.
IV	Section	165	Unlawfully Bringing Offensive Goods On A Railway.
V	Section	166	Defacing Public Notices.
VI	Section	167	Smoking.
V			
I	Section	172	Penalty For Intoxication.
II	Section	173	Abandoning Train Etc. Without Authority.
III	Section	174	Obstructing Running Of Trains Etc.
IV	Section	175	Endangering The Safety Of Persons By Disobeying The Rules.
V	Section	176	Obstructing Level Crossing.