

## **Regarding train accident in Darjeeling-laid**

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM):** On 17<sup>th</sup> June, a goods train rammed into Kanchanjunga Express in Darjeeling. 10 people died and 43 passengers were injured. After the accident the Chairman of Railway Board had said that the accident was due to the fault of the driver of the goods train who did not follow the signal. The accident pertains to the rear-end collision of a goods train with Train No.13174 Agartala-Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express between Rangapani and Chattar Hat stations in the Katihar Division of the Northeast Frontier Railway. But in a report submitted by Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS), it has been stated that lapses at multiple levels in managing train operations was responsible for accident and not the driver.

The accident pertains to the rear-end collision of a goods train with Train No.13174 Agartala-Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express between Rangapani and Chattar Hat stations in the Katihar Division of the Northeast Frontier Railway. There was neither infrastructure nor adequate training. As a result of which the accident was waiting to happen. These could have been a bigger accident in North Bengal. The report has asked for immediate implementation of automatic train protection system of KAVACH? which should be followed.