

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1681  
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HELP FROM AIR BATALLION FORCE DURING ACCIDENT RELIEF  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to appoint air batallion force to depute them during railway accidents ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. It is proposed to have a professionally trained Crack Team of Rail Rescue Experts who can be rushed to any site of accident by air/land route at short notice. This group will continuously be exposed to the latest rescue, extrication techniques and medical relief and will support the accident rescue and relief arrangements. Besides, assistance is sought and obtained from Armed Forces to tackle post accident operations whenever need arises.