

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE ON ACCIDENT RELIEF
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have formed or considering to form a Task Force to ensure timely relief for victims of rail accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether due to delay in providing relief to rail accident victims, many people lost their lives ; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for the delay in providing relief and details of efforts the railways propose to make to provide relief to victims without any loss of time ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, a five member high-level Committee was constituted recently to review the Disaster Management system over Indian Railways. The Committee submitted its report containing 111 recommendations, which have since been accepted. Some of the recommendations have been made to speed up the pace of relief and rescue arrangements.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.