

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7557  
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ACCIDENT RELIEF COACHES  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of accident relief coaches are there in the South Central Railways;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to increase the number of such accident relief coaches in the accident prone South Central Railways;
- (c) if so, the number of additional Accident Relief Trains and coaches which will be pressed into service during 2002-2003 in South Central Railways;
- (d) whether the Railways have put all the station masters in this zone on full alert to report bad track immediately ; and
- (e) if so, the details of training given to railway staff to react much faster to news of accidents?

**Answer**

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RAILWAYS ( SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL )

- (a) 19 Accident Relief Trains (ARTs) have been provided at different locations on the South Central Railway. There are 81 coaches deployed on these ARTs. Further there are 17 Accident Relief Medical Vans (ARMVs) containing 34 coaches.
- (b) & (c) : ARTs and ARMVs are provided taking into account the traffic density and other relevant features. At present there is no proposal to increase the number of Accident Relief Trains (or coaches) on South Central Railway.
- (d) Standing instructions exist for concerned field staff including all station masters/assistant station masters to be alert and report any abnormality affecting train operation.
- (e) Railway personnel are imparted training in various Training Institutes on Zonal Railways and it includes training in rescue and relief operations. Training imparted under Induction, Promotional, Refresher and special courses is part of such training. Besides, mock drills are also conducted from time to time to check alertness of staff in responding to emergencies especially railway accidents.