

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5175  
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000  
TRAIN ACCIDENT  
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

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

- (a) whether some rail passengers were killed due to travelling on the top of a train at Surat-Bhusawal railway line near Dhenthan railway station on November 1, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the passengers have to sit on the top of the train due to non-availability of space in the trains on the said line;
- (d) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to increase the number of coaches in these trains;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the time by which the coaches are likely to be increased; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Four roof top travellers died and seven were injured after being electrocuted by a transmission line of Gujarat Electricity Board which broke and fell on train No.76 Up on the Surat-Bhusawal line.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d) to (g): Augmentation of loads of trains is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, availability of coaches and traffic justification.