

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2280
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MODERN SIGNALLING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the All India Loco Running Staff Association has blamed the faulty system for Ghatnandur, Maharashtra accident on 3rd January, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether signalling system used there, is an out dated and it gives scope for many errors; and
- (c) if so, the action being taken to install modern signalling system to avoid accidents in future ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Track circuiting is not available from Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark on main line, as the station was on 'E' route. In the absence of track circuit, the trains are received after the manual verification of the clearance of the main line.

(c) Provision of track circuiting from Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark on the main line of this station to permit reception of trains on occupied main line has been sanctioned during 2002-03. The work is targeted for completion by Dec., 2003.