

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2805
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF RAJDHANI EXPRESS ACCIDENT
SHYAMA SINGH;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the press news item captioned `stench of death over Rafiganj` as reported in the Statesman dated September 11, 2002 ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government machinery have totally failed to provide relief and rescue measures to the victims of the Rajdhani Express train;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any responsibility have been fixed on those who have not timely provided rescue and relief; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): No, Sir. The best possible available resources were deployed for rescue and relief operation for the victims of derailment of Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express near Rafiganj on 09.09.2002.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise.