

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1285
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
TRAIN ACCIDENT
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a repeat of the last years Gaisal accidents narrowly averted on January 24, 2000 when the driver of the Guwahati bound Rajdhani Express brought it to a screeching halt barely a couple of hundred yards away from the stationary Awadh-Assam Express bound for New Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into this incident;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken against those found responsible for it?

Answer

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

(a) to (d). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1285 BY SHRI SUDESH RAMRAO JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2000 REGARDING TRAIN ACCIDENT.

(a) No, Sir. The facts of the case are that on 24.01.2000, after starting from Kudempur Station, the driver of 2436 Up Rajdhani Express noticed that his train started going towards the down line on which he was not supposed to go, he brought his train to a halt immediately within the station section. At the time 5609 Dn. Awadh-Assam Express was at Khurial Station more than 7 Kms from Kudempur on account of its locomotive having failed.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. A Departmental inquiry consisting of Senior Administrative Officers has been conducted into the above incident. The Inquiry committee has concluded that the incidence occurred due to failure of interlocking of signals and failure of staff. Possibility of outside interference leading to failure of interlocking is being investigated by civil police.

(d) The staff involved have been taken up for lack of alertness due to which the above situation was created.