

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3396
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
RAIL ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Indian Railways accord highest priority to rail safety and safety measures;
- (b) if so, the total major and minor rail accidents reported in the country during each of the last three years;
- (c) the number out of them were due to human error and due to technical failure;
- (d) whether the Government propose to appoint more skilled staff in railways and raise the standard of examinations for appointments;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether during the last three-four years the number of employees have been appointed in railways in relaxation of rules and qualifications; and
- (g) if so, the details of such employees and steps being taken by railways to discourage such tactics of appointments ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) A Statement is attached.

(d) & (e) The method of filling up of the posts, recruitment qualification etc. are reviewed from time to time, keeping in view the technological developments. Recruitment to the category of Artisans, which was hitherto undertaken by Zonal Railways, will henceforth be done by the Railway Recruitment Boards.

(f) & (g) No instance of appointments made in relaxation of prescribed qualifications has come to notice.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3396 BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2000 REGARDING RAIL ACCIDENTS.

(b) & (c) Accident statistics are not maintained as "Minor" or "Major" accidents. During the last three years, the number of consequential train accidents, the number out of them due to "human error" and number out of them due to "technical failure" were as follows :

Year	Number of Consequential accidents	Number of consequential accidents due to failure of		Number of Consequential accidents due to technical failure
		Railway Staff	Persons other than railway staff	
1996-97	381	252	65	37
1997-98	396	262	67	38
1998-99	397	268	63	33