

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5952
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THEFT OF ACCIDENTAL RAILWAY PROPERTY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of locos/coaches/wagons lying abandoned along the railway tracks due to the accidents and other Reasons;
- (b) whether these are being theft by the junk dealers in instalment with the connivance of Railway Officers/employees;
- (c) If so, the steps taken by the railways to ensure safety of these items; and
- (d) The total value of these items lying abandoned?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) 8 diesel/electric locomotives, 56 passenger coaches and 1010 wagons (FWUs) involved in accidents are lying off the track in different Zones of Indian Railways. These have not been abandoned but are in the process of being either salvaged or disposed off at site through auction.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The total value of such locomotives, coaches and wagons lying on trackside awaiting salvage/disposal on Indian Railways is Rs. 739.39 lakhs approximately.