

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2996  
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000  
ENQUIRY REPORT ON PUNJAB MAIL ACCIDENT  
P.R. KHUTE

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the enquiry report of fire incident in Punjab Mail near Bhusawal has been received by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Inquiry Report submitted by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle, the accident occurred due to initiation of fire advertently or inadvertently by unidentified passenger traveling in Coach S- 8 of 2137 Dn. Punjab Mail.

(c) Safety drives against carriage of inflammable articles on passenger carrying trains have been launched, along with intensification of maintenance of coaches. Public Address Systems are being used to create awareness among passengers regarding measures to prevent fire. Preventive checks are regularly carried to detect carriage of inflammable items.