

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:972
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2003
ROPEWAY ACCIDENT AT DARJEELING
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any ropeway accident has occurred at Darjeeling;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith action taken against the management;
- (c) whether any steps have been initiated to prevent such accidents in the country in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir, the accident took place on 19.10.2003 on Darjeeling – Rangest Valley Ropeway. The reason was possible displacement of alignment for Trestle 44A. An Enquiry Committee was set up on 20.10.2003 and the police have registered the case. The ropeway was suspended after the accident.

(c) and (d): Safety/precautionary measures to prevent such incidents are under the purview of the State Governments.