

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:433  
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2005  
KILLING OF WORKERS ON RAILWAY TRACKS  
Murmu Shri Hemlal

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

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the increasing incidents of Railway workers getting hit and killed/injured by the passing trains while working on railway tracks in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of workers killed/injured during each of the last three years and the current year, Zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways provides any compensation to the workers killed/injured in those accidents;
- (d) if so, the compensation given to them during the said period;
- (e) whether the Railways have also ordered any inquiries on such accidents to find out the exact cause of such accidents and fixed responsibility of railway officials in this matter;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Railways against the officials found guilty; and
- (g) the steps being taken by the Railways to check occurrence of such incidents?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 433 BY SHRI HEMMAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2005 REGARDING KILLING OF WORKERS ON RAILWAY TRACKS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Number of workers killed/injured during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

Railways	2002-03 (upto Nov, 05)		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Central Railway	18	15	36	18	25	19	26	15
Eastern Railway	16	0	19	0	13	0	11	0
East Central Railway	49	0	37	0	41	0	24	0
East Coast Railway	16	1	8	0	16	0	15	0
Northern Railway	25	42	36	41	30	37	22	15
North Central Railway	23	41	22	24	23	22	26	30
North Eastern Railway	3	8	8	2	6	1	1	0
Northeast Frontier Railway	8	0	11	0	16	0	10	0
North Western Railway	1	0	3	1	3	0	4	0
Southern Railway	10	0	17	0	22	1	11	0
South Central Railway	13	9	25	2	23	2	32	0
South Eastern Railway	10	3	12	9	6	1	6	0

South East								
Central Railway	7	0	10	1	15	0	8	0
South Western								
Railway	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	0
Western Railway	16	108	17	124	15	100	12	54
West Central								
Railway	19	9	21	9	15	5	16	0
Total	236	237	284	232	271	188	226	114

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Total amount paid as compensation in last three years and during the current year upto Nov 2005, on Indian Railway is approximately Rs 25.94 crore.

(e) & (f): Such accidents normally takes place with the staff working along the track and are a result of misjudgment on their part regarding the approaching train, therefore inquiry to fix responsibility is not generally resorted to. Inquiry is, however, conducted for each case to assess the genuineness of the case for payment of the compensation.

(g): The trackmen are given suitable training. The clothing of trackmen is designed keeping in view the longer visibility. Whistle boards are provided at locations having less visibility so that driver can warn the workers working on or near track.