

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1288
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FAILURE OF INTERLOCKING SYSTEM ON RAILWAY TRACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite interlocking system, two trains came on the same track in Panipat during September, 2005;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation of this incident ;
- (d) if so, the findings thereof;
- (e) the action taken against the officials found guilty; and
- (f) the steps taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

- (a)&(b):Yes, Sir. This was on account of interference to interlocking system by Railway maintenance staff on duty at Panipat.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The accident occurred on account of interference to Interlocking by on duty Railway maintenance staff at Panipat.
- (e) Action under the Railways (Disciplinary & Appeal), Rules 1968 with a view to impose major penalty has been initiated against the Railway maintenance staff on duty.
- (f) All staff have been counselled not to interfere with Interlocking system, in a Safety Drive conducted by Northern Railway. Inspections at supervisor and officer level have been intensified.