

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1300
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VACUUM PIPE CUTTING
Singh Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the large number of incidents of vacuum pipe cutting in the Bhagalpur Mandar Hill Railway stations and Gonda Jn.- Balrampur-Nautanva Railway section;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last two years;
- (c) whether the basic amenities/facilities at the above stations are not available to the passengers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. As only one case of vacuum pipe cutting came to notice in Gonda in Balrampur-Nautanva Railway Section during 2005-06 on 23.03.2006 where train No. 5321 suffered detention for 12 hours in between Uska Bazar – Naugarh Railway Station. No such incident has come to the notice from Bhagalpur Mandar Hill in Malda Division of Eastern Railway so far.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Joint raids by Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police and Commercial Department are organized. First Information Reports are lodged by train Guards / Station Masters.