

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:16
ANSWERED ON:15.11.2007
ACCIDENTS/ DERAILMENT/ FIRE IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of accidents/derailment/fire in trains, including goods trains occurred since August, 2007 alongwith reasons therefor, accident-wise;
- (b) the number of persons killed /injured alongwith loss of railway properties and compensation/ex-gratia relief given to victims, accident-wise;
- (c) the details of inquiries ordered into such accidents, their findings and the action taken thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to check train accidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 16 BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR AND PROF. M. RAMADASS TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 15.11.2007 REGARDING ACCIDENTS /DERAILMENT /FIRE IN TRAINS

(a) to (c): There have been 50 consequential train accidents on Indian Railways during the period from August to October, 2007, in which 21 persons lost their lives. Loss of railway property on account of these accidents has been estimated to be Rs.6.0 crore (approx.). A sum of Rs.1.16 lakh (approx.) has been paid as ex-gratia in cases where admissible. Compensation, however, is payable after the claim cases are filed and awarded by the Claims Tribunals.

Out of these 50 accidents, 3 cases are being enquired into by the respective Commissioners of Railway Safety, and in case of remaining 47, departmental inquiry committees were constituted. Depending upon findings of the inquiry reports, so far finalized, action as warranted is in progress including punitive action under Discipline and Appeal Rules against those found responsible. Accident-wise details are at Appendix.

(d): All possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. These measures include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for up-gradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. As a result, there has been a declining trend in the number of accidents from 473 in 2000-2001 to 234 in 2005-2006 and further to 195 in 2006-07. In the current financial year, from April 2007 to October 2007, the number of consequential train accidents has been 121 as against 138 during the corresponding period of last year.

Figures are provisional .