

Title: Requested the Railway Minister to make a statement regarding a series of bomb blasts in railway stations and trains in Assam and also to take effective measures to prevent recurrence of such incidence and provide adequate safety to the passengers.

SHRI TARUN GOGOI (KALIABOR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House to the bomb blasts that have taken place in Assam recently which have created panic among the travelling public there. On the 31st of July, a train that was coming from Samastipur to Tezpur was blasted. As a result of this, a large number of people were killed. Another bomb blast took place a day before that at Kekuhati station that lies between Ghagrapara and Rangiyani sub-division. These areas are known to be infested by terrorists. Every year before the Independence Day such attempts are being made. There is no escort provided in the passenger trains. As a result of the failure of the Railway Department to provide adequate security these incidents are taking place. I, therefore, request the Railway Minister to make a statement on this and take effective measures in order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, and in order to provide safety to the travelling passengers.