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Title: Reported bomb blast in Halbadi-New Jalpaiguri Passenger Train at Belakoba Railway Station under Kathiar Division.

SHRI HITEN BARMAN (COOCH BEHAR): It is a serious matter. On 20.11.2006 at 1820 hours, there was a bomb blast at Belakoba Railway Station in Halbadi-New Jalpaiguri Passenger Train which get connected from Darjeeling. Terrorists had a plan to explode the bomb at new Jalpaiguri Station. In these incidents, seven people died and 71 were badly injured and a large number of passengers were wounded, who were not admitted in the hospital. I would request the Railway Minister, through you, to give compensation of a minimum of Rs.1 lakh and job security to a person from the affected family who lost the life and Rs.50,000 for those who are injured. I further request to review the security of the trains that are running all over the country.

After the incident, vegetable growers of the Halbadi area has been restricted to transfer the vegetables at Siliguri and other markets from this train. Critical situation has arisen in this area for the growers. This may kindly be considered without any further delay for the betterment of the vegetable growers of those areas and arrange vendor coach attached with these trains.