

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take safety measures in the Konkan railway region from landslides on the railway track during the rainy season.

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE (RAIGAD): Sir, you are aware of the fact that 1,050 passengers including nine pregnant women and a one-month old baby on board Kolhapur bound Mahalaxmi Express were stranded until the wee hours of Saturday morning, dated 27th July, 2019, near Vangani Station in Thane District for over 17 hours.

I would like to know whether the hon. Minister has received any report as to why the train was allowed to leave Badlapur Station amid heavy rainfall and water logging situation. Unfortunately, despite this situation, the GM, Mumbai Railways, stated that he is not responsible for this incident. This is very serious.

Therefore, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Railways to initiate a high-level inquiry in this regard.

Due to heavy rains, the Ghot River of Mangaon was also overflowing. As a result, the Ratnagiri-Dadar train was halted at Veer while Diva-Sawantwadi Local was stopped at Kolad. The Mangla Expresse was stopped at Karanjadi and Mandvi was stopped at Roha wherein a huge number of passengers were stranded for more than three hours.

Therefore, I would also request the Government to take safety measure in the whole Konkan area where there are always possibilities

of landslides on the railway tracks during the rainy season.

Thank you very much.