

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Trains Accidents

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RAO:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents during the last six months, zone-wise;

(b) the main causes thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed and

injured and the total damage caused to railways in those accidents, zone-wise;

(d) the number of accidents due to sabotage; .

(e) the details of compensation provided to the victims; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent accidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (f). A statement is
laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Zone-wise number of train accidents, causes thereof, No. of Casualties-dead/injured, cost of damage to railway property, and accidents due to sabotage as a result thereof during April 92 to October 92 (last seven months), is as under:-

		Zonal Railways										
		Gen-	East-	Nor-	N.E.	N.F.	Sou-	S.C.	S.E.	West-		
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
(a)	No. of train accidents	41	27	36	26	35	27	35	60	36		
(b)	i) Failure of railway staff	29	17	18	19	6	13	17	41	21		
	ii) Failure of other than railway staff	4	1	6	5	.	2	5	5	6		
iii) Equipment Failure												
	a) Mechanical	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	3		
	b) Track	1	.	.	.	.	.	4	7	.		
iv)	Sabotage	2	.	1	.	1	.	3	1	.		
v)	Incidental	1	1	2	.	.	1	.	2	4		
vi)	Cause could not be established	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1		

Zonal Railways									
	Cen-	East-	Nor-	N.E.	N.F.	Sout-	S.C.	S.E.	West-
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
vii) Combination of factor	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
viii) Under investigation	.	3	6	.	26	8	3	2	.
(c) i) No. of persons killed	34	12	35	17	.	4	31	44	14
ii) No. of persons injured	70	50	103	31	18	4	116	62	23
iii) Loss of railway property (in lacs of Rs.)	662	111.5	110	76.7	8.33	8.80	162.5	493	110
(d) No. of accidents due to sabotage	2	.	1	.	1	.	3	1	.

(e) An amount of Rs. 4,28,750/- has been paid to the victims during the months of May to October, 1992.

(f) The following preventive measures are taken on the Indian Railway to reduce accidents:-

- (i) Induction of technical devices to aid the human element which accounts for approximately 2/3 of the accidents on the Indian Railways.
- (ii) Improvement in quality of out-turn from the workshops
- (iii) Intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations.
- (iv) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety category as drivers, guards, station masters etc.
- (v) Intensive training including psychological checks of staff in operational categories.
- (vi) Surprise checks against carriage of inflammable/explosive material in passenger trains.
- (vii) Provision of whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

Steps to reduce accidents at unmanned level crossings

- (i) Provision of whistle boards/speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of level crossings.
- (ii) Improving visibility at level crossings for road users and train drivers.

(iii) Educative campaigns through public media including Doordarshan and Radio to educate road users on the precautions to be taken at level crossings.

(iv) Joint checks in coordination with the State Govts. to enforce provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Prevention of Fire in trains

- (i) To prevent carriage of inflammable or explosive material by passenger carrying trains.
- (ii) To prevent Railway staff from carrying inflammable articles such as gas cutting cylinders.
- (iii) Publicity blitz warning the public against the hazards of carrying inflammable or explosive material.
- (iv) Surprise checks against carriage of inflammable or explosive material.

Financial Crisis in Universities

*4. SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vice-Chancellors of Delhi and other Universities have expressed concern over the grim financial situation of the Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government