

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

MAINTENANCE OF TRACK AND SIGNALLING SYSTEM

**2125. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI A. RAJA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that on many occasions major train accidents were averted by alert engine drivers, including the recent incident at Nigohan railway station in Lucknow on 17.06.2023, Neelanchal Express;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, incident-wise;**
- (c) whether it is not an eye opener that there is poor maintenance of track and signalling system in Indian Railways;**
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Ministry, for repair-cum-safety exercise to be undertaken as a part of safety audit;**
- (e) whether the required manpower including skilled and trained people will be deployed in the concerned Departments; and**
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) and (b) Loco Pilots, Train Managers and Station staff etc. are trained to be vigilant and respond immediately. Neelanchal Express at Nigohan Railway station (Lucknow Division) experienced a jerk on 17.06.2023 which was promptly reported for necessary maintenance.

(c) and (d) Maintenance of Track & Signaling system on Indian Railways is a continuous process wherein schedule maintenance of Track & Signaling assets is carried out regularly as well as on requirement basis in terms of provisions in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual(IRPWM) and Indian Railway Signal Engineering Manual (IRSEM) ensuring safe movement of trains at all times.

(e) and (f) Safety related maintenance activities of Track & Signaling systems are carried out by skilled and trained staff on the Indian Railways network.
