

Memorandum of Chairman, Railway Accident Enquiry Committee by All India Station Masters Association

Damages to Bogies involved in Vaniyambadi Train Accident

6158. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

6159. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the *Indian Express* dated the 19th February, 1981 under the caption "The disaster was foreseen by S.M.s.";

(a) the number of bogies of the (i) Bombay Mail (ii) Yercad Express and (iii) wagons of the goods train that were involved in the Vaniyambadi train disaster on the 11th February, 1981 in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a memorandum was submitted to the Chairman Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee on the 17th December, 1979 and 22nd January, 1980 by All India Station Masters Association suggesting ways to avert accidents; and

(b) the details of the damages to them; and

(c) if so, the salient points thereof and the steps taken thereon?

(c) the date of their make and the details of the service made to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) In this accident, 7 coaches of 20 Up Trivandrum-Madras Mail, 4 coaches of 69 Down Yercad Express and 7 vehicles of TNPM Up Goods train were involved.

(b) Ministry of Railways is not aware of any such information. However, the Committee during the course of their deliberations had collected information from zonal railways, Railway Officers and staff and the general public.

(b) The cost of damage has been estimated as under:—

(c) Does not arise.

- (i) 7 coaches of 20 Up Mail—Rs. 8,62,00 approx.
- (ii) 4 coaches of 69 Down Yercad Express—Rs 7,25,000 approx.
- (iii) 7 vehicles of TNPM Up Goods train—Rs. 3,07,000 approx.

(c) Years of built and dates of last periodical overhaul are given below:—

Coach/Vehicle No.	Year of built	Date of "last Periodical Overhaul"
20 Up Mail		
1. GR WGSCNY 9224	1978	19-9-80
2. SR WGSCNY 6456	1969	9-2-80
3. SR SYLR 4649	1966	8-1-81
4. SR WFC 3053	1968	24-10-79
5. SR WFC 3052	1968	24-10-79
6. SR WGSCNY 6805	1976	23-8-80
7. SR WGSCNY 7061	1977	26-4-80