

Major reasons for accidents and replacement of Railway lines

1528. SHR_I JAGPAL SINGH:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI CHANDRAJIT

YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the major reasons for the recent spate of railway accidents was non-renewal of tracks on time and the rails having developed cracks;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey to find out the railway lines which require to be replaced; if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the programme, if any drawn up by Government to replace the defective lines expeditiously stating the financial implications involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). No. However, the track renewal programme is a regular yearly feature and it is renewed on age-cum-condition basis depending upon the availability of funds.

Deaths by Snake Bite

1529. SHR_I JAGPAL SINGH:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government with regard to deaths by snake bite in the country;

(b) if so, the average number of such deaths during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government contemplate to formulate a national programme to control and to minimise deaths on account of snake bite; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHR_I NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). Snake bite is not notifiable and hence data on cases and deaths due to snake bite is not readily available.

Information on deaths due to snake bite collected by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence of the Directorate General of Health Services from the various hospitals in different States, for the years 1976 and 1977 is given in the Statement. This data, however, suffers from limitations since information from all the States was not available and also because the coverage of Hospitals in different States during this period was not known.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise hospital deaths due to snake bite during 1976 and 1977

State	Year	Deaths due to snake bite
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	1976	49
	1977	59
Assam	1976	2
	1977	1
Haryana	1976	11
	1977	14