GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2671 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

REPORT OF KANCHANJUNGHA EXPRESS TRAIN ACCIDENT

2671. COM. SELVARAJ V: SHRI SUBBARAYAN K:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) which enquired into the Kanchanjungha Express train accident has submitted it's report;
- (b) if so, the details and the gist of the findings of the Commission;
- (c) whether the Commission has found a large number of signalling failures in automatic signalling sections and has recommended the Railway authorities to develop an action plan to improve the reliability of automatic signalling system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2671 BY COM. SELVARAJ V AND SHRI SUBBARAYAN K TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING REPORT OF KANCHANJUNGHA EXPRESS TRAIN ACCIDENT

(a) to (d): The rear end collision between Train No. 13174 DN (Kanchenjunga Express) and DN GFCJ Container took place on 17.06.2024 at 08.50 Hrs in Rangapani - Chatterhat Block section of Katihar Division of Northeast Frontier Railway. This is a Broad Gauge, Double Line, Electrified section provided with Automatic Signalling.

Inquiry by Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) has been ordered in above case and the final inquiry report is awaited. Based on preliminary findings, action on issue of uniformity in rules has been taken up. A committee of senior railway officers have submitted their report. The modifications to bring uniformity are being drafted.
