

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6593  
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002  
DERAILMENT OF HOWRAH CHENNAI EXPRESS  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Howrah-Chennai Coromandal Express de-railed at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh on March 15, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether de-railments are too common on this section of rail track; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for such frequent accidents on this stretch of rail track?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On 15.03.2002 at about 14.11 hours 12 Coaches of 2841 Up Howrah – Chennai Coromandal Express train derailed, while on run between Kodavaluru and Padugupadu stations of Vijayawada – Gudur section of Vijayawada division on South Central Railway. In this accident 14 passengers suffered injuries including one grievously injured. As per preliminary report submitted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle, this accident occurred due to 'rail fracture' occurring due to lateral displacement of rail.

(c): No, Sir. There were only 8 derailments on Vijayawada – Gudur – Vijayawada section during the last 3 years.

(d): Does not arise.