GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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AUTHORITY TO MONITOR HAZARDS AND ACCIDENTS PRONE SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a Nation-wide Authority to monitor hazards and accidents prone sections of the Railways;
- (b) whether the Railways have identified spots and sections which frequently involve de-railments;
- (c) if so, the steps the Railways propose to take to identify such areas and solve the technical weaknesses in the rail system;
- (d) the details of steps initiated in South Central Railways to identify the perennial and frequent areas where accidents occur; and
- (e) the time by which this problem will be solved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b) & (c): Analysis of derailments on Divisions, Zonal Railways and various Sections is a continuous process on Railways. Regular inspections and safety audits are carried out by officers and supervisors. Wherever deficiencies are noticed, corrective action is taken.
- (d): There have not been frequent accidents in any particular section during the last two years on South Central Railway. The total number of derailments on the Railway have declined from 33 during 2000-2001 to 20 during 2001-2002, as a result of implementation of various safety measures.
- (e): Does not arise.