

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WORKSHOP ON SAFETY OF TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has organised two days workshop to improve safety of trains ;
- (b) if so, the details of the matter discussed therein and the outcome thereof ; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to break the series of accidents which hurt the image of the 150 years old Railways ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In the wake of recent accidents, a workshop on Safety on Indian Railways was held on 12th and 13th July, 2003 at New Delhi. It was attended by a cross-section of Railway staff at grass root level viz. Pointsmen, Gangmen, Drivers, Guards, Station Masters, Permanent Way Inspectors and other maintenance staff. Representatives of the organised unions of labour as well as federations of officers participated in the proceedings. Based on the deliberations in the workshop, a number of decisions have been taken on many issues viz. improvement in the condition of running rooms and crew lobbies, availability of maintenance corridors on various sections, adoption of the concept of life cycle cost, filling up of vacancies in safety categories on urgency basis, creation of posts for maintenance of rakes on introduction of new trains, upgradation of training facilities at all training centres etc. Various steps taken by Indian Railways as well as the continuous efforts being made, to reduce the accidents and further improve safety, have been brought out in detail in the White Paper on Safety presented to the Parliament on 7.4.2003