

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5105
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SNAPPING ON ELECTRIC WIRES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a concrete sleeper keeping on the roof of a special train caused snapping on electric wires of the track of Delhi-Sonepat route during the month of February, 2000;
- (b) if so, whether due to this, rail traffic was disrupted;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have got any inquiry conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. There was an incident of falling of concrete sleeper from Departmental Material Train between Sonipat- Sandal Kalan section at 10.50 hr. on 27.2.2000, resulting in breakage of insulator of overhead electrical wires, leading to disruption of rail traffic. However, there was no snapping of electric wires.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. It is suspected that when the train was stabled at Patel Nagar Railway Station, some miscreanthad disturbed the placement of sleepers in an attempt to steal wooden scantling, which resulted in shifting of sleeper during the transit and consequent falling off from the train. Staff has been counselled to be extra cautious and more watchful during movement of trains.