

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3789
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
LOSS SUFFERED BY RAILWAYS DUE TO FIRE
RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the loss suffered by Railways due to the incidence of fire in railway scrap during each of the last three years and till date, location-wise;
- (b) the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the comprehensive steps taken by the Government to prevent such incident in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement referred to in the implementation report of Assurance given in reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3789 dated 16.8.2001 raised by Shri Ravi Parkash Verma, regarding loss suffered due to fire in Railway scrap

Year	Location such incident	Amount of losses	Reasons	Steps taken to prevent
1998	Scrap yards/stores	Rs.37,300/-	Accidental, Electrical sparking, Agitation, Cigarette/Bidi bits.	Railway employees and RPF staff have been instructed to be more alert to avoid incident of fire.
1999	do	Rs.6,20,000/-	do	Fire Brigades are summoned immediately on receipt of the information regarding the fire incident. General instructions are issued from time to time to keep the area clean and scrap materials separately from inflammable items. Security patrolling has been intensified in and around the scrap yard. Railway employees are given short course training in fire fighting. They are also advised to have a good house keeping and not to throw lighted cigarette. Bidi ends inside the railway premises and finally the fire fighting equipments and installations are periodically inspected to ensure that they are kept in good fettle and ready to use. It is, however, mentioned that Fire Fighting wing of RPF has been closed in 1999 except for a few places.
2000	do	Rs.12,92,077/-	do	
2001	Upto July	do	Rs.28,82,561/-	do