

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5075  
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000  
DERAILMENT OF MATSAYGANDHA EXPRESS  
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

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

- e:
- (a) whether the Matsaygandha Express passing through Konkan Railway line was derailed recently;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) the number of persons died/injured and the value of the Government property damaged therein;
  - (d) the amount of compensation paid to the victims;
  - (e) whether any investigation has been made in this regard; and
  - (f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (f) : A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Unstarred Question No 5075 by Shri Anant Gangaram Geete to be answered in Lok Sabha on 27-04-2000 regarding derailment of Matsaygandha Express.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The train derailed at KM 322/2-4 between Kankavali and Sindhudurg at about 01.50 hours on 10-03-2000 on Konkan Railway.

(c) : Three passengers died, seven grievously injured and 12 sustained simple injuries and total amount of loss to Government property is approximately one crore rupees.

(d) : Exgratia payment was made to the next of kin of the deceased victims at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- each and at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- each to grievously injured and Rs. 500/- each to the passengers who sustained simple injuries. Compensation to the eligible passengers/next of kin will be paid as per the decree of Railway Claims Tribunal/Mumbai.

(e) & (f) : Yes, Sir. Commissioner of Railway Safety/Central Circle, Mumbai conducted investigation and as per his findings, accident took place due to obstruction in the track due to failure of slope caused by sudden convulsion of nature. As recommended by Commissioner of Railway Safety, an Expert Committee has been nominated to review the characteristics of rock/soil strata in all cuttings and to suggest remedial measures to arrest such failures of slope