

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SAFETY DRIVE TO CURB TRAIN ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to recent train accidents the Railways have been forced to call for a better maintenance of trains;
- (b) if so, whether the railways have launched a month-long safety drive, during which closer monitoring of drivers and effectiveness of brakes would be carried out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and other concrete steps the Government have proposed to take in this regard; and
- (d) the extent to which they have been successful in it?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. Train maintenance activity is well established over Indian Railways. Rolling stock (Locos, Coaches & Wagons) are being undertaken for preventive maintenance as per laid down schedules as well as for need based maintenance. However, based on experience and analysis of train accidents on account of improper maintenance, necessary steps are taken to overcome the deficiency identified, if any and to strengthen the maintenance system further.

(b) to (d) Safety drives are launched periodically over Division/Zonal Railway/Indian Railways. A month long safety drive has been launched recently, which inter-alia, include: Surprise inspection of coaching rakes after primary and secondary maintenance, Surprise checks of Brake power of coaching and goods stock after issue of Brake Power Certificate, locomotive maintenance with special attention to the brake system including blockage tests, Close monitoring of performance of blockage tests, Close monitoring of performance of driving crews, periodical medical examinations of drivers, surprise enroute breathlizer tests by portable breathlizer machines etc. Necessary corrective measures will be taken, if required, based on the outcome of the drive.