

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:542
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
INQUIRY INTO ACCIDENT OF KACHIGUDA MANMAD EXPRESS
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 21 people were killed and over 70 injured after the Kachiguda-Manmad express rammed into Stationary goods train;
- (b) if so, the number of coaches derailed;
- (c) whether Government has inquired into the accident;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether compensation has been paid to the next kith and kin of the deceased and injured persons;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether this train was fitted with anti collision device;
- (h) if so, the reasons for failure thereof; and
- (i) if not, the reasons for not installing this device in this train?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.542 ASKED BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI, SHRI RAMJIVAN SINGH, SHRIM RENUKA CHOWDHURY, SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV, SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA AND RAGHUNATH JHATA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2003 REGARDING INQUIRY INTO ACCIDENT OF KACHIGUDA MANMAD EXPRESS.

(a) & (b): There was a rear end collision between a stationary goods train and 7064 Secunderabad-Manmad Express resulting into derailment of 3 coaches. In this unfortunate accident, 20 persons lost their lives and 72 persons were injured.

(c) & (d): Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle, in his preliminary report, has concluded that the accident occurred due to "Failure of Railway Staff".

(e) to (f): Compensation for death or injury of Rail passengers in train accidents are decided by Railway Claims Tribunal. So far, no compensation has been paid. Compensation will be paid soon after the claims are decreed by the Tribunal. However, ex-gratia amounting to Rs.22.90 lakhs has been paid to the victims of the accident to take care of their immediate needs.

(g) to (i): No, Sir. The field trials of Anti Collision Device have been completed recently.