

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:585
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
DERAILMENT OF HYDERABAD-BANGALORE EXPRESS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hyderabad-Bangalore Express derailed in Kurnool in December, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of people killed in the accident;
- (c) whether the Government have found out the reasons for this accident;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and;
- (e) the action taken by the Government in consultation with the State Governments to keep the Rail Tracks under constant watch?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Sir. 7685 Kachiguda-Bangalore Express derailed between Pendekallu and Pagidirai stations on Guntakal Division of South Central Railway on 21.12.2002 leading to loss of lives of 19 persons and injuries to 78 others.
- (c) & (d): Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle has concluded in his Preliminary Report that the accident occurred due to "tampering with track by other than Railway Staff".
- (e): Closer interaction with the State Government Police has been initiated.