

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2261
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MPs VISIT TO THE SITE OF TRAIN ACCIDENTS
RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of MPs visiting the site of train accidents from January, 2002 to till date;
- (b) the number of train accidents occurred from year 2002 to till date;
- (c) the reasons for increasing number of train accidents;
- (d) the steps being taken to check the increasing number of train accidents;
- (e) whether Parliamentary Committee on Railways have submitted its report on the subject to Union Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : Figures in this regard are not maintained.

(b) : 324+ consequential train accidents have taken place during the year 2002-03 (April 2002 to February 2003).

+Figures are provisional.

(c) & (d) : The number of consequential train accidents has shown a declining trend over the last few years. From 473 during 2000-01, they have come down to 414 in 2001-02, showing a decline of 12.5%. However, efforts are made on a continuous basis to prevent accidents by improved maintenance practices, intensified training of staff and regular safety audits etc.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.