

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4151
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
DERAILMENT OF DEHRADUN-VARANASI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the engine of 4266 Dehradun-Varanasi Express carrying over a 1000 passengers derailed at the Amethi Station on February 11, 2003 because the cabinman was drunk who allowed the train to pass without setting its route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the loss of life and property due to this derailment;
- (d) whether the Government propose to conduct surprise checks on railway employees by squads, armed with breath analysers, to find if they are drunk; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): On 12.02.2003 the loco and first two coaches of 4266 Dn Dehradun-Varanasi Express derailed at Amethi station on Rai Bareilly-Pratapgarh section of Lucknow Division, Northern Railway as the route had not been properly set by the Cabinman on duty. He was found under the influence of alcohol and was placed under suspension.
- (c): There was no loss of life and Railway property due to this accident.
- (d) & (e): A drive was launched on Northern Railway to conduct surprise checks on train passing staff consuming alcohol while on duty.