

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3810
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001
TRAIN ACCIDENTS ON SURAT/BHUSAWAL RAIL LINE
Y.G. MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of train accidents/derailments occurred in the Surat/Bhusawal route in the Western Railway during the last three years;
- (b) the total loss suffered by the railways in all these accidents;
- (c) whether inquiries have been conducted into all these accidents; and
- (d) if so, the details of all the inquiry reports, accident- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3810 ASKED BY SHRI Y. MAHAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2001 REGARDING TRAIN ACCIDENTS ON SURAT/BHUSAWAL RAIL LINE

- (a): There were 11 consequential train accidents/derailments in the Surat/Bhusawal route of Western Railway during the last three years i.e. 1997-98 to 1999-2000.
- (b): Cost of damage to Railway property in the above accidents amounted to Rs.16.35 crores.
- (c): Yes, Sir. Each and every accident was inquired into either by a Committee of Railway Officials or by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, depending upon the seriousness of the accident.
- (d): As per findings of inquiries, out of 11 accidents, 8 were due to failure of railway staff, 1 accident was due to equipment failure, 1 accident was due to miscreant activity and the cause of 1 accident could not be established.