

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3236
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
FIRE IN PURUSOTHAM EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether some compartments of Purusotham Express caught fire at Purnea Station on February 25, 2000;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total loss of life and property thereby;
- (d) whether no fire extinguisher were available to put out the fire;
- (e) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the action taken thereon ?

Answer

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

- (a) On 25.02.2000, the front SLR of 2802 Purushottam Express caught fire at Purulia station of Adra Division, South Eastern Railway.
- (b) This accident occurred due to continuous contact between the naked incandescent bulbs and some packages containing plastic goods.
- (c) There were no casualty or injury to any person. The loss of railway property is Rs.2.02 lakhs approximately.
- (d) No, Sir. Fire extinguisher was available with the train guard.
- (e) & (f) This accident has been inquired into by a Committee of officers and action under Discipline and Appeal Rules has been initiated against the defaulting person.