

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3310
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
R.D.S.O. LUCKNOW
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the RDSO, Lucknow has sent a team to study the causes of fire in Punjab Mail;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof;
- (c) whether RDSO, Lucknow has made any improvement in the design of the emergency stoppage equipment in passenger coaches;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore and the funds spent by RDSO, Lucknow during the last three years;
- (e) whether any outside agency will be asked to take over critical research objections from the RDSO; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The emergency stoppage equipment of the passenger coaches was found to be functioning satisfactorily. Hence, no changes in the design of the system is being considered.

(d) A statement is attached.

(e) & (f) No, Sir.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310 BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2000 REGARDING R.D.S.O. LUCKNOW

(d) Details of funds spent by RDSO, Lucknow during the last three years is given below :

Year	Amount spent by RDSO		(Figures in thousands)
	Revenue	Works Expenditure under plan head "Railway Research"	Total
1	2	3	4
1996-97	3,78,667	24,983	4,03,650
1997-98	4,74,985	51,583	5,26,568
1998-99	5,51,690	82,022	6,33,712