

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:680

ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005

TRAINING TO RAILWAY STAFF

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of rail accidents due to negligence of staff has not come down despite implementation of the rail safety measures;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the railways impart training to their staff for handling modern equipment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for higher number of railway accidents despite imparting training to the staff; and
- (f) the percentage of decline brought about in the number of railway accidents after setting up of Rs.17,000 crores Special Railway Safety Fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.680 BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.05.2005 REGARDING TRAINING TO RAILWAY STAFF.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. A number of technical and systems inputs have contributed to reduction in failure of railway staff leading to drop in the number of accidents on Indian Railways. Number of consequential train accidents and out of those attributed to failure of railway staff during the last few years have been as under:

| Year | Number of Accidents | Accidents due to failure of Railway staff |
|-----------|------------------------|--|
| 2000-2001 | 473 | 293 |
| 2001-2002 | 415 | 248 |
| 2002-2003 | 351 | 186 |
| 2003-2004 | 325 | 161 |
| 2004-2005 | 234# | 133# |

= (Provisional)

(c) & (d): All staff including safety category staff, are trained for handling modern equipments, before their introduction so as to equip them with skills for their efficient use and upkeep. Railways are continuously updating knowledge and skills of Railway employees at regular intervals. The training modules are also continuously modified and updated.

(e): Does not arise in the light of reply to parts (a) to (d).

(f): Number of consequential train accidents in 2004- 2005 has come down to 234 (Provisional) against 415 in 2001-2002 when Special Railway Safety Fund was set up, representing decline of 43.6%.

