

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4516

ANSWERED ON:22.04.2010

RAIL ACCIDENTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several railway accidents have taken place since 2008;
- (b) whether any enquiries have been conducted to look into the causes of rail accidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon;
- (d) whether human error is one of the major reasons for rail accidents;
- (e) whether Railways propose to educate and train railwaymen, for prevention of rail accidents, maintenance of track and rolling stock, signalling and interlocking at regular intervals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4516 BY SHRI P. KUMAR, SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH, SHRI PURNMA SI RAM, SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR, SHRI RAKESH SINGH, SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN, SHRI L. RAJA GOPAL, SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL AND SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22-04-2010 REGARDING RAIL ACCIDENTS.

(a): Number of train accidents has shown a declining trend during the last few years. While, 115 consequential train accidents on account of Collisions, Derailments, Fire in Trains, Manned Level Crossing accidents and other Miscellaneous accidents occurred on Indian Railways in 2008-09, 100 such accidents took place in 2009-10.

(b) & (c): Out of 115 train accidents in 2008-09, 22 have been inquired into by the Commission of Railway Safety and the balance 93 accidents were inquired into by the departmental committees. Out of 100 train accidents in 2009-10, 21 have been inquired into by the Commission of Railway Safety and the balance 79 accidents were inquired into by the departmental committees. Cause-wise analysis of these train accidents during 2008-09 and 2009-2010 is as under:

Causes	2008-09 (April, 2008 to March, 2009)	2009-10 (April, 2009 to March, 2010)
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Failure of railway staff	75	66
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Failure of other than railway staff	13	14
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Failure of Equipment	01	
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Sabotage	13	11
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Combination of factors 04 01

Incidental 04 03

Could not be established 04 02
conclusively

Under investigation 02 02

Grand Total 115 100

Recommendations/findings of the Commission of Railway Safety/Departmental Enquiry Committees are examined by the concerned Departments for necessary follow-up action, if considered feasible.

(d): Yes, Madam. Human error is one of the major reasons for rail accidents. However, negligence of Road users while negotiating unmanned level crossings is also responsible for a large number of incidents at unmanned level crossings.

(e) & (f): Special attention has been given for training of railway staff in general and safety category employees in particular for their induction training, refresher courses and promotional courses at Zonal Railway Training Institutes. Zonal Railways closely monitor the performance and alertness of the running and operating staff. Safety drives are also launched at frequent intervals for this purpose. All possible steps are also undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents by way of replacement of over aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of tracks, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, etc.