

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:774  
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010  
ACCIDENTS IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been rise in accidents in the local trains running in Western Railways and Central Railways in Mumbai Metro Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to prevent such accidents;
- (d) the details of human casualties occurred during the last three years in such accidents;
- (e) whether proper identification of deceased persons were done in such accidents;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective measures being taken in this regard; and
- (g) the procedure being adopted for proper identification in such cases?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.774 BY SHRI SANJAY BRIJKISHOR LAL NIRUPAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29-07-2010 REGARDING ACCIDENTS IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL RAILWAYS.

(a) to (d): Consequential train accidents have not increased in Mumbai area of Western and Central Railways in the current year. However, such accidents increased from Nil to 2 in 2009-10 on Western Railway and from 1 to 5 (all derailments) in 2009-10 on Central Railway. Number of consequential train accidents on Western and Central Railways in the Mumbai area during the last three years and the current year from April to 25th July, 2010 is as under:-

**Western Railway**

Type of accident    2007-08    2008-09    2009-10    April to 25th July, 2010

Collision            - - 1 -

Derailments        - - 1 -

Manned Level Crossing Accidents - - - -

Fire in trains      - - - -

Miscellaneous      - - - -

Total                - - 2 -

**Central Railway**

Type of accident    2007-08    2008-09    2009-10    April to 25th July, 2010

Collision            - - - -

Derailments 1 - 5 -

Manned Level Crossing Accidents - - - -

Fire in trains - - - -

Miscellaneous - 1 - -

Total 1 1 5 -

Details of these accidents including casualties involved therein are at Appendix.

Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents.

Measures taken to prevent derailments include:-

(I) Use of long welded rails in place of fish plated joints,

(II) Use of modern track maintenance machines, namely, Tie Tamping, Ballast Cleaning Machines, Track Recording Cars, Ultrasonic Flaw Detectors, Self Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing Cars, etc.,

(III) Regular patrolling of railway tracks at vulnerable locations including night patrolling and intensifying patrolling during foggy weather,

(IV) Modern bridge inspection and management system, etc.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.

(g): Method adopted by Government Railway Police (GRP) for proper identification of the deceased persons is as under:-

(i) Examination of personal belongings of the deceased person viz. Photo identity, Journey pass, telephone diary, etc.

(ii) Examination of the phone book of the mobile to get the contact number of the relatives and friends.

(iii) Identification mark on the body of the deceased persons and his clothes.

(iv) The description and the photo of the persons is sent to the nearby police station and the missing persons registers are cross checked.

(v) Information is also provided to the missing persons bureau.

(vi) Inter-state wireless message is sent and the information is also given to the Press through press note and through the Police Gazette.