

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:798
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010
INCIDENTS OF TRAIN ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of train accidents in various parts of the country wherein train services have been disturbed due to the event of fire in oil tankers and displacement of rail tracks resulting in loss of crores of rupees to the exchequer;
- (b) if so, the number of train accidents taken place in the country during the last one year and current year, place-wise;
- (c) the details of loss occurred to the Railways in each of such train accident; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Railways to check such train accidents in future?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.798 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29-07-2010 REGARDING INCIDENTS OF TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

(a) to (c): During 2009-10, two major cases of fire in oil tankers were reported and in the current year from April to 22-07-2010, one such case was reported. On 30-08-2009, 19 tank wagons loaded with Naptha derailed and one wagon caught fire between Shivilakha and Lakadia stations of Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway. Subsequently, fire spread over 22 other wagons. On 16-11-2009, 16 oil tank wagons loaded with Motor Spirit and Diesel derailed and capsized due to bomb blast by miscreants between Bhilgaon and Borpathar stations of Lumding Division of Northeast Frontier Railway out of which 15 wagons caught fire.

In the current year, on 20-05-2010, while the Tank Wagon Train loaded with Diesel was on run between Pipra and Jiwadhara stations of Samastipur Division of East Central Railway, its 14 wagons derailed out of which 12 wagons capsized due to suspected bomb blast. Subsequently, 13 wagons caught fire. In all the above cases of derailments leading to fire in oil tankers, track got damaged and through communication was adversely affected. Loss of Railway property in these three consequential train accidents were Rs.3.95 crore (approx.), Rs.5.63 crore (approx.) and Rs.5.50 crore (approx.), respectively.

(d): Two cases of fire in tank wagons on 16-11-2009 and 20-05-2010 mentioned above were caused due to sabotage by miscreants. However, instructions have been issued for proper maintenance of tank wagons and also for safe handling of hazardous and inflammable chemicals and petroleum products transported in oil tank wagons carried by the Railways. Zonal railways have also been advised from time to time to ensure that the requisite training regarding safety precautions is imparted to the staff involved in handling and transportation of such hazardous and inflammable materials.