

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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STAMPEDE AT NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was a stampede at the New Delhi Railway Station recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of casualties occurred;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the said incident;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the enquiry and the action taken thereon;
- (e) the details of compensation provided in the said incident;
- (f) whether the Railways have taken any steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the near future particularly with regards to availability of first aid facilities and preventing the last minute changes in the platform; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): There was a melee at New Delhi Railway station recently on 16-05-2010 arising out of an incident of stumbling of a lady passenger due to falling of luggage, in which 03 persons died and 08 persons sustained minor injuries.
- (c): The incident was enquired into by a High Level Committee.
- (d): The inquiry committee in its interim report has observed that it was an incident of stumbling of a lady passenger due to falling of luggage. The final report is awaited.
- (e): Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 2 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs.15,000/- each to those who received simple injuries has been paid.
- (f) and (g): Following steps are being taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents:-
  - i) Running of special trains from different stations especially in Metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai etc. to clear extra rush during holidays and festive seasons to decongest major stations.
  - ii) First aid facilities are available at all Railway stations.
  - iii) Better crowd management through effective use of Public Address System and Electronic Surveillance System at important Railway stations.
  - iv) Restriction of issuing platform tickets in specific periods especially during summer rush / festive seasons.
  - v) Increasing the number of platforms to decongest the existing platforms.
  - vi) Deployment of additional staff during peak rush periods.