

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:913  
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010  
DERAILMENT OF RAJDHANI EXPRESS  
Singh Smt. Meena

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

- (a) whether Delhi - Guwahati Rajdhani Express derailed on Barauni- Katihar rail section;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of passengers injured in the accident;
- (c) whether any probe has been ordered into this derailment;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the said probe; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Railways to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.913 BY SHRIMATI MEENA SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29-07-2010 REGARDING DERAILMENT OF RAJDHANI EXPRESS.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. On 25-05-2010 at 06.35 hours, fourteen coaches of Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express (train No.2424) derailed between Kharik - Naugachhia stations of Barauni - Katihar section of Sonepur Division of East Central Railway. In this accident, two passengers sustained simple injuries.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Statutory inquiry into the above accident is being conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle and its report is awaited.

(e): Measures taken by the Indian Railways 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) Progressive phasing out of four wheeler tank wagons,
- (iv) Regular patrolling of railway tracks at vulnerable locations including night patrolling and intensifying patrolling during foggy weather,
- (v) Modern bridge inspection and management system, etc.