

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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STAMPEDE DUE TO CHANGE OF PLATFORM

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

- (a) the number of incidents of changing platforms of trains at the last moment on the railway stations of Delhi since May 2010 till now;
- (b) the reasons for each of these incidents alongwith the number of persons killed and injured;
- (c) the officers found responsible for each of the incident and action taken against them;and
- (d) the measures taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) There has been no incidents of changing platform of trains at Railway Station in Delhi at the last moment since May 2010. However, 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. The incident was enquired into by a High Level Committee. 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.

(d) The following steps are being taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents:-

1. 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.
2. Better crowd management through effective use of Public Address System and Electronic Surveillance System at important Railway stations.
3. Restriction of issuing platform tickets in specific periods especially during summer rush/festive seasons.
4. Deployment of additional staff during peak rush periods.