

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:646  
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010  
RAIL ACCIDENTS  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Sinha Shri Yashwant

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

- (a) the total number of rail accidents which have taken place in the current year till-date;
- (b) whether it is a fact that due to a huge number of vacant posts, the instances of accidents are increasing in the Railways; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to fill up these vacancies at the earliest?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 646 BY SHRI YASHWANT SINHA AND SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.11.2010 REGARDING RAIL ACCIDENTS.

(a): During January to October 2010, 89 consequential train accidents took place on Indian Railways excluding cases of trespassing at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road users.

(b) & (c): Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and at any point, there would be some vacancies in an organization. Vacancies occur due to normal retirements, voluntary retirements, deaths, promotions and creation of posts etc. There is always a lag between occurrence of vacancies and processing the same for filling up which involves notification of vacancies, holding examinations, finalization of select panels and issue of appointment letters. The Railways are committed to filling up vacant posts, promptly as per the laid down procedure. The number of vacancies do not have a direct correlation to the accidents.