GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:221 ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010 CORPORATE SAFETY PLAN . DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan)

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Corporate Safety Plan of the Indian Railways envisages reduction in the rate of accidents, implementing measures to reduces train accidents and prioritization of safety related projects;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Plan;

(c) the achievements made so far under each head;

(d) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(e) whether the Railways are satisfied with the progress made so far;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 221 BY DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI AND SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.11.2010 REGARDING CORPORATE SAFETY PLAN.

(a): Yes, Madam. The number of accidents has come down from 351 in 2002-03 to 165 in 2009-10. The Index of number of accidents per million train kms has come down from 0.44 in year 2002-03 to 0.18 in 2009-10.

(b): The salient features of the plan are to (i) prioritize safety-related works, indicate timeframe, investments proposed, and set bench marks for safety achievements; (ii) Good management; improved work culture; meticulous planning and prudent financial management to enhance the safety standards on the system; (iii) Passenger safety; Road users safety; Quantitative reduction in accidents; Improving asset reliability; Prompt rescue and relief operations; (iv) Training and Disaster Management; (v) Modernization and technological upgradation; and(vi) Capacity generation.

(c) & (d): Upto 31st March 2010 (7th Year) Rs.29,376 crore (92.27%) has been spent out of Corporate Safety Plan outlay of Rs.31,835 crore. The financial progress made under each head and the details of the expenditure incurred upto 31st March 2010 are at Appendix.

(e) & (f): The concerted efforts of Indian Railway started in year 2003 for replacement of the over- aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for up-gradation and maintenance of Track, Rolling Stock, Signalling & Interlocking systems, Safety Devices, Inspections at regular intervals to educate the staff for observance of safe practices has paid dividends in the form of reduction in accidents though the passengers and million tonnes of goods traffic have increased over the time. The financial & physical progress on the works detailed under Corporate Safety Plan is far ahead of the prorata targets.