

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2605  
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010  
DERAILMENT OF TRAIN  
Choudhary Shri Bhudeo;Singh Shri Radha Mohan

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

- (a) whether the Mahabodhi Express had derailed during the first week of September, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any enquiry was conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Railways to prevent such incidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE 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. 2605 BY SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH AND SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.11.2010 REGARDING DERAILMENT OF TRAIN.

(a) & (b): On 01.09.2010, while the train No. 2398 (New Delhi - Gaya) Mahabodhi Express was being piloted from Chipyanabuzurg Station of Delhi-Kanpur section of Delhi Division of Northern Railway via Down Main line, the train entered the wrong line. While backing on the main line, its one coach derailed.

(c) & (d): Departmental enquiry into the above accident has revealed that the accident was caused due to failure in ensuring proper setting and locking of points before issuing the authority letter to proceed when the signal was defective.

(e): Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. Measures taken 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) Regular patrolling of railway tracks at vulnerable locations including night patrolling and intensifying patrolling during foggy weather,

(IV) Training of station staff for proper supervision of shunting operations, etc.