

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:774
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ACCIDENT NEAR ALIGARH RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that due to snapping of brake lever of goods train, 5 persons died at Aligarh Railway Station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the number of cases of carelessness of officials are increasing in Railways; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways for the safety of people?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There was an unusual accident at Aligarh Junction of Northern Railway in which six passengers waiting on platform number 2 lost their lives after being hit by a loose hand brake wheel and spindle of a wagon from a passing goods train.

The spindle had come out of its socket and was projected on to the platform along with its wheel resulting in this unfortunate accident.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on continuing basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety.

The figure for accident per Million Train kilometers, an important safety index, has also come down from 0.55 during 2001-2002 to 0.15 in 2010-11 despite quantum increase in the volume of traffic carried by Indian Railways over the years.