

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE IN RAJDHANI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an incident of fire in Delhi- Mumbai Rajdhani Express happened in the month of April, 2011 in Thuria-Ratlam section of Western Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and measures being taken to check such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): On 18.04.2011 an incident of fire occurred in train no 12951 Mumbai Central- New Delhi Rajdhani Express while the train was on run in Nagda- Kota Section over West Central Railway. One pantry car and three AC three tier coaches caught fire. One passenger was grievously injured and two persons suffered simple injuries.

(c) and (d) Statutory inquiry into this incident is being conducted by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. As per the preliminary report of the CRS, the fire occurred due to 'Failure of persons other than Railway Staff'. Measures to reduce fire incidents include provision of fire retardant materials in coaches, provision of electrical fire sensing and extinguishing system in Rolling Stock and Stationary Installations and trials of comprehensive fire and smoke detection system in one rake of Rajdhani Express etc.