

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:886  
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FIRE ON SHIMLA KALKA ROUTE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Railway Station on the World heritage Shimla- Kalka Railway route was gutted in a devastating fire recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated loss of revenue caused to the Railways as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have taken any steps to restore the said railway station back to its original glory;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reason therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) On 03.05.2011 at about 01.45 Hrs. fire broke out at Kanda Ghat railway station building in Kalka – Shimla route of Northern Railway. Fire brigade from Solan attended the site at 03.05 hrs and controlled the fire at 07.45 hrs. As a result of fire, the station building, one staff quarter, railway canteen and other infrastructure have been completely damaged. The loss has been assessed to Rs. 50 lakhs (approximately).
- (c) to (e): Consultancy for engaging an architect to reconstruct the Railway Station building maintaining its authenticity with regard to heritage has been initiated.