

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4463  
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FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM AT WORKSHOPS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have been reported to reduce the number of fire tenders from the major railway workshops of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been acute shortage of fire detection systems at those workshops; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to install modern fire extinguishing equipments and fire detection system at the major railway workshops?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As per policy taken by the ministry of Railways, fire wing of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) was closed in the year 1999. It was decided to take the assistance of Civil / Municipal Fire Services in case of fire incidents occurring in railway premises. However, basic fire fighting equipments viz. fire extinguishers, water hydrants etc. are available at critical locations in the workshops. In major incidences of fire assistance is sought from civil authorities in the vicinity, in whose jurisdiction the incidences of fire occur.