

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of people get killed every year on railway tracks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last three years particularly in sub-urban Mumbai Railways, year-wise;
- (c) steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check the recurrence of such accidents; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Railways for security and safety of the railways tracks?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The number of deaths reported on Railway tracks over Indian Railways and in Mumbai sub-urban sections reported during the last three years are as under:-

Year Over Indian In Mumbai sub-urban
Railways sections

2009 13123 2307

2010 13378 2152

2011 14973 2023

(c): Following steps are being taken to prevent deaths on Railway tracks:-

Regular announcements are made through PA system at important Railway stations urging the passengers to use foot over bridges and to avoid crossing of Railway tracks.

Various passenger awareness programmes are being organised to create awareness amongst general public about the fatalities of crossing Railway tracks.

Unauthorised trespassing on Railway premises including the Railway track is a punishable offence in terms of section 147 of the Railways Act. Regular drives are conducted against unauthorised trespassing on Railway premises as well as Railway tracks. As many as 161192 persons were prosecuted under section 147 of the Railways Act during the year 2011 over Indian Railways.

(d): In order to improve safety, modern track structure is used while carrying out primary track renewals. Mechanization of track is being done progressively. Longer rail panels are used to reduce number of welds. Digital ultrasonic testing machines have been developed to detect rail/weld failures. Track patrolling is done for timely detection of track defects.