

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6791
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2012
ACCIDENTS IN MUMBAI SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of accidents in local trains, which is termed as life-line of Mumbai has been increasing;
- (b) if so, the total number of accidents of local trains during each of the last three years and the number of persons killed or injured in these accidents;
- (c) whether the Railways have proposed to take certain steps to prevent these accidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6791 BY SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.05.2012 REGARDING ACCIDENTS IN MUMBAI SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE.

(a): No, Madam.

(b): The number of consequential train accidents involving suburban local trains in the Mumbai area during 2009-10 to 2011-12 and the number of persons who lost their lives and suffered injuries, is given below:

| Year | Number of Consequential Train Accidents | Number of persons who lost their lives | Number of persons who suffered Injuries |
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|---------|---|---|----|
| 2009-10 | 7 | 2 | 20 |
| 2010-11 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2011-12 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

(c) & (d): Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Steps being taken to prevent accidents in the Mumbai suburban area include Auxiliary Warning System (AWS) in EMU trains so that Motormen maintain speed as per aspect indicated in the signal, ensuring improvement in signal visibility, proper supervision at work sites, counseling of motormen, inspection by supervisors/officers including night inspections and surprise checks, etc.