

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:169  
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TRAIN ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether freight train drivers are being deputed to drive mail and express trains for the last two years leading to arise in incidents of train derailment and accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the employees' Union of Railways have drawn the attention of the Ministry towards the said issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Mail/Express trains are not routinely run by goods train drivers, the need for which may arise only in exceptional situations. Should such a contingency arise, then only a suitable goods driver is deployed. However, conditions for deployment of such goods drivers on Mail/Exp trains have already been specified.
- (c) to (e): Issues like filling up of vacancies, monetary compensation has been brought to the notice of some of the Railways by employees unions which are suitably addressed as per the extant rules. However, there is no increase in train accidents due to goods drivers utilized on mail/express trains.