GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:224 ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009 RAIL ACCIDENT AT MATHURA Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a major train accident had occurred recently near Mathura in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of persons died and injured in the accident;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to probe the incident;
- (d) the time by which its report is likely to be submitted;
- (e) whether anti-collision device is not functional in the above Division;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.224 ASKED BY SHRI P.KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.11.2009 REGARDING RAIL ACCIDENT AT MATHURA.

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): In this accident 23 persons lost their lives, 15 were grievously injured and 9 sustained simple injuries.
- (c): This accident is being enquired into by Commissioner of Railway Safety, North Eastern Circle. Central Bureau of Investigation has also been requested to investigate the matter.
- (d): The Commissioner of Railway Safety, North Eastern Circle has submitted his Preliminary Report and his Final Report is awaited.
- (e) & (f): Anti-collision device (ACD) has not been installed in the above division.
- (g): Following Safety measures are taken/proposed to prevent such incidents:
- i) Timely replacement of over aged signaling assets.
- ii) Provision of track circuiting of station yards.
- iii) Provision of Axle Counter for Block Proving.
- iv) Provision of Light Emitting Diode (LED) signals.
- v) Provision of interlocking of Gate Signals.
- vi) Provision of means of communication to Level Crossing Gates.
- vii) Pilot Projects for Train Protection and Warning Device (TPWD) and Anti Collision Device (ACD).