

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:981

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012

STRIKE BY MOTORMEN IN MUMBAI

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Motormen (Drivers) of Mumbai Suburban Trains had gone on a 'Flash Strike' recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the response of the Railways thereto in order to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 981 BY SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN, SHRI ANAND PRAKASH PARANJPE, SHRI B.B. PATIL AND SHRI EKNATH M. GAIKWAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.08.2012 REGARDING STRIKE BY MOTORMEN IN MUMBAI.

(a): Yes, Madam. Motormen of Mumbai Suburban Trains had gone on an illegal 'Flash Strike' on 20.07.12 from 15.00 Hrs. to 19.25 Hrs. without any notice or indication of demands.

(b): No specific demands were submitted by these striking Motormen on 20.7.2012. However, redressal of grievances of staff is a continuous process and some issues which were also raised by the Motormen in the recent past have been positively addressed, such as National Holiday Allowance and Night Duty Allowance have been revised, ceiling limit of Kilometrage Allowance for the purpose of income tax has been enhanced.

(c): To avoid such incidence in future, following steps are proposed to be taken:-

- 1) To develop a contingency plan by training other staff. So far, 163 staff other than Motormen have been trained to drive EMU trains in emergency.
- 2) To train additional sufficient number of tower wagon drivers, car-shed staff and regular running staff in driving EMUs to have a handy reserve for dealing with such crisis.
- 3) To train Loco Pilot (Goods) of Mumbai Division to handle EMU trains by giving them conversion training and keep them as a trained reserve.
- 4) Avenue of Channel of motormen is being reviewed to make it more broad based and integrating them with other main line running staff.