

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4354

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SAFETY AUDIT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted safety audit so as to take effective steps to check rail accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main observations of the safety audit;
- (d) the follow up action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Railways now propose to order a comprehensive safety audit of the Indian Railways; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) Two types of Safety Audits are being conducted by Railways regularly i.e. one by individual railway of its own divisions once in two month period and another inter railway safety audit which is conducted twice a year i.e. from January to June and July to December. Safety Audit is conducted by a team of five Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) level officers of Civil, Mechanical, Signal, Electrical and Safety departments. The team carry out audit/inspection and focus on the aspects viz. pinpointing deficiencies found in the system including ancillary activities, staff training, material supply, availability of funds, system failures, defective policies/rules etc. Zonal Railways submit their Reports/Action taken reports to the Ministry of Railways. These reports are analysed by the Railway Board which gives them necessary instructions as and when necessary.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.