

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ACCIDENT OF TRACKMEN

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken notice of the incident at Ghaziabad-Sahibabad rail line where some railway trackmen on duty were run over by the train;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) any mechanism being evolved by the Railways to prevent such occurrence in future?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) On 7.11.2009, Trackmen of Gang no. 3 & 2A were deputed to work on 4th line between Ghaziabad-Sahibabad. Shri Ramesh Chand, JE-II/P.Way/Ghaziabad was coming from Ghaziabad on Push Trolley on 3rd main line and as he noticed trains on 3rd main line and also 2nd main line, he off-loaded his push trolley and started walking on 4th line side. As he noticed train on 4th line also, he started running in the direction of train and shouted to attract the attention of Trackmen working on 4th line to warn them to get out of track. Some Trackmen could not listen and respond due to sound of trains passing on the adjacent line No. 2 & 3. Thus, four Trackmen were run over by train No. 2056(DDN-New Delhi Jan Shatabdi Express). While trying to save the Trackmen on 4th line, Shri Ramesh Chand, JE also got hit by the train No.2056. All the five died on spot.

(c) Regular safety instructions for carrying out the works have been reiterated to ensure safety on the work spots. Routine inspections are also being carried out constantly by various field officials to ensure compliance of these instructions.

Detailed instructions already exist in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual on precautions while working on track. However, the following instructions have been reiterated to sensitize field staff:-

- (i) Trackmen should always use the cess for commuting purposes and walk in the opposite direction of traffic.
- (ii) They should always wear the luminescent vest (safety jacket).
- (iii) While working in yards, they should not go too near a standing train as it may move at any moment.
- (iv) While patrolling or working on multiple lines, the Trackmen should not walk on adjacent track in face of approaching train on any time.
- (v) Relevant provisions of Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual should be brought to the notice of the staff working near the track.