

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of train accidents are on the increasing due to running of trains beyond the capacity on limited rail tracks and failure of automatic signalling;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways to increase the rail track capacity;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to utilize Train Protection and Warning System to prevent train accidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Some views have been received suggesting that increase of load on Railway track may affect its performance in long term. Close watch is being kept on this issue. Statistics in this regard is under compilation.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Two pilot projects of Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS) have been sanctioned, one on Southern Railway between Chennai Central and Gummidipundi and the other on Delhi-Agra Section of Northern and North Central Railways.