GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1814 ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013 STAMPEDE AT ALLAHABAD RAILWAY STATION.

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the stampede occurred at Allahabad Railway Station along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the persons killed/injured and compensation paid to the victims in the said incidents;
- (c) the details of the findings of the investigation conducted by the Railways into the said incident;
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Railways along with the steps taken against the persons held responsible for the said incident; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

- (a): On 10.02.2013, at about 18.30 hrs, a heavy crowd of pilgrims descended on Allahabad Railway Station after performing 'Shahi Snan' during the on going Kumbh Mela. The sudden surge of huge crowd within a short time between 18.30 hrs to 19.00 hrs on the stair case connecting Platform No. 4/6 with Foot Over Bridge No. 01, which was already chock-a-block with passengers, resulted in a stampede. Government Railway Police, Railway Protection Force and Railway Officials present at the Railway Station immediately started rescue operations and shifted the injured persons to Railway Hospital and Swaroop Rani Hospital, Allahabad for treatment.
- (b): 37 persons died and 42 were injured in the unfortunate and tragic incident of stampede at Allahabad Railway Station on 10 February, 2013. On humanitarian consideration, the Hon'ble Prime Minister announced an ex-gratia payment of ? 2 lakh for the next of the kin of the people who lost their lives and ? 50,000/- for those who sustained injuries. In addition, the Ministry of Railways announced an ex-gratia payment of ? 1,00,000/- to the next of the kin of the people who died in the incident and ? 50,000/- and ? 25,000/- to those who sustained grievous and simple injuries, respectively. An amount of about ? 15.93 lakhs has been disbursed to the affected family/people so far. No compensation has been paid by the Railways in the incident as no decree for payment of compensation has been received so far by the Railways.
- (c) to (e): Ministry of Railways have constituted a three member committee to look into the cause leading to the stampede, inadequacies in preparedness on the part of North Central Railway, if any, extraneous causes leading up to the tragedy and preventive measures required in the future to avert such incidents.