

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:253  
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DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the various strategies suggested under the Corporate Safety Plan for the modernisation of disaster management have been implemented by the Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof inter-alia indicating the measures taken and the amount spent for the purpose, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have reviewed the implementation and the targets stipulated for the said plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the measures initiated for effective implementation of the said plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.253 BY SHRI VARUN GANDHI AND SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(a) Corporate Safety Plan (2003-2013), Ministry of Railways, inter alia, suggested for modernization of Disaster Management (DM) on Indian Railways. The main focus area are - faster response, better facilities and equipment, expanding resources to meet requirements in major accidents, better customer focus and training and preparedness, etc. For modernization of DM, 18 (eighteen) strategies have been suggested in the Corporate Safety Plan, out of these, 14 (fourteen) have so far been implemented as on 31.12.2012 on Indian Railways.

(b) For implementing the strategies for modernization of Disaster Management, following measures have already been taken:-

# Disaster Management (DM) Plans have been made at Corporate Level, Zonal and Divisional Level and dovetailed with State/District DM Plans.

# Tie-up with reputed private/civil hospitals.

# Provision of rescue ambulances and Collapsible coffins in each Divisional hospital.

# Taking assistance of armed forces including Air-Force for assistance whenever required during disasters.

# Provision of emergency escape route.

# Delegation of adequate financial powers to concerned officers for quick rescue operations.

# Minimum one 140 Tonne breakdown crane have been provided in each Broad Gauge division and all Accident Relief Trains (ARTs) have been provided with Air-brake stock.

The financial implication for modernization of DM on Indian Railways as per the Corporate Safety Plan is approximately Rs 400 crore. Figures of expenditure are available on all India basis and not zone-wise. An amount of Rs 106 crore (approx.) has been spent upto 28.2.2013.

(c) to (e) The Railways have periodically been reviewing the implementation and the targets stipulated in the Corporate Safety Plan. Out of 4(four) pending strategies viz., Emergency Rail cum Road Vehicle, manufacturing of Self Propelled Accident Relief Trains (SPARTs), Setting up of Railway Disaster Management Institutes and Emergency Automatic lights in coaches, first one is targeted for implementation in 2013-14 and the remaining three by 2015-16.