

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:255
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013
HIGH LEVEL SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have accepted the recommendations of the High Level Safety Review Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action plan formulated to implement the said recommendations;
- (c) whether the fire safety audit team of the Railways has reported about the faulty safety arrangements and other deficiencies noticed in the premises at New Delhi Railway Station;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective action taken or being taken by the Railways in this regard?

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.255 BY SHRI P. LINGAM AND SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING HIGH LEVEL SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(a) & (b) A High Level Safety Review Committee was constituted by Ministry of Railways under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission to go into all technical and technology related aspects in connection with safe running of trains services in the country. The Committee has submitted its Report to Ministry of Railways on 17.02.2012. This Committee has made 106 recommendations in their Report covering the following aspects: General Safety Matters, Organizational structure, Empowerment at Working Level, Safety Related Works and Issues, Vacancies in Critical Safety Categories and Manpower Planning issues, Shortage of Critical Safety Spares, External Interference – Encroachment and Sabotage, Signalling, Telecommunication and Train Protection, Rolling Stock, Track, Bridges, Level Crossings, Human Resource Development with Emphasis on Education and Training, Training Institutes on Indian Railways (IR), Research Eco-System on Indian Railways and Safety Architecture on Indian Railways.

The recommendations of the Committee are presently under examination in the Ministry of Railways.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Railways have constituted 2 separate Fire Safety Audit Teams A and B to identify areas requiring further upgradation to match the latest fire safety norms to international standards and to conduct checks in few select Railways at stations, coaching depots, workshops etc.,

for assessment of compliance of Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) and Board's instructions regarding fire safety. In this direction Fire safety Audit Team B conducted an inspection at New Delhi Railway Station on 08.01.2013 and found a few of total fire extinguishers, Close Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and baggage scanners had some problems. Immediate corrective action has already been taken by Delhi Division.