

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:423

ANSWERED ON:25.04.2013

ACCIDENT RELIEF CRANES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a review of the strategies for modernisation of Disaster Management in Indian Railways has been undertaken in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Accident Relief Cranes in service and operational at present, zone-wise;
- (d) whether such cranes are imported or indigenously built and there is any shortage of such cranes and if so, the manner in which the Railways propose to make up this shortfall; and
- (e) the other steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER 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.423 BY SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO AND SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.04.2013 REGARDING ACCIDENT RELIEF CRANES.

(a) & (b) : Strategies for modernization of Disaster Management on Indian Railways are periodically reviewed for strengthening preparedness to face different disasters on Indian Railways. Modernization of Disaster Management equipment is a continuous and on-going exercise undertaken based on experience gained and inputs received from various quarters. Disaster Management Plan for Indian Railways is reviewed every year at Corporate level, Zonal Railways and Divisional level which also includes guidelines of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on various types of disasters.

Corporate Safety Plan (2003-2013) and Report of High Level Committee on Disaster Management (April,2003), 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.

(c): A list of Zone-wise Accident Relief Cranes is given as under :

Railways	Number of cranes operational
Central Railway	6
Eastern Railway	5
Northern Railway	9
North Eastern Railway	5
Northeast Frontier Railway	8
Southern Railway	7
South Central Railway	6
South Eastern Railway	5
Western Railway	7
East Central Railway	9
East Coast Railway	7
North Central Railway	3
North Western Railway	8
South East Central Railway	3
South Western Railway	3
West Central Railway	5
Total	96

(d): Out of 96 Accident Relief Cranes presently available with Zonal Railways, 41 have been imported and remaining 55 are

indigenously made. There is no shortfall of cranes.

(e): Does not arise.