

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5961

ANSWERED ON:02.05.2013

FIRE INCIDENTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fire incidents reported at Railway yards and in running trains during each of the last three years and the current year, zone-wise along with the worth of properties gutted in these said incidents;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out at a Railway Yard at Chennai recently which completely gutted a sleeper coach and damaged two other coaches;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether all the Railway Yards have been provided with efficient fire fighting mechanism or other equipment to meet any eventualities and prevent loss of lives of workers in the yards;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/being taken to check the recurrence of such fire incidents; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken by the Railways to provide the bare minimum safety precautions at all Railway Yards and in trains in the country along with the number of persons booked for sabotage activities if reported, in these incidents inter-alia indicating the number of railway officials/RPF/other persons found guilty in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5961 BY SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN, SHRI S.R. JEYADURAI AND SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.05. 2013 REGARDING FIRE INCIDENTS.

(a): The number of fire incidents reported at Railway yards and in running trains along with value of properties gutted in these incidents over zonal Railways during the year 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (Upto March) is Appended.

(b) and (c): Yes, Madam. On 13.04.2013 at about 08.40 hrs, heavy smoke was noticed by Railway staff at New Line No. 1 Basin Bridge Coaching yard Chennai. Immediately the railway staff and Railway Protection Force personnel rushed to the spot and found one sleeper coach No. SR WGSCN 89248 attached to empty rake of train No. 12670/12669 Ganga Kaveri Express placed at New Line No. 1 completely burnt. Immediately State Fire Brigade was informed and the Railway staff tried to put out the fire by pouring water by using water hydrants available in pit lines. However, the fire spread to two coaches No. SR WGACN 12104 and SR WGSCN 00220 attached to the rake of Ganga Kaveri Express and two coaches No. SR WGACCN 09107 and SR WGSCN 05245 attached to the empty rake of train No. 16221 Kaveri Express placed on New Line No. 2. The remaining coaches of both the rakes were detached. Fire Brigade came to the spot at 09.00 hrs and extinguished the fire completely. In this incident one sleeper coach was completely damaged and two air conditioned coaches and two sleeper coaches were partially damaged.

(d) to (f): Basic fire fighting equipments (Fire extinguishers) are available at Railway yards which can be used by Railway staff in the incidents of fire till arrival of the State Fire Service from the nearby area. The Railway staff and Railway Protection Force personnel are imparted training to handle such fire fighting equipments in case of eventualities.

Number of outsiders, Railway employees and Railway Protection Force personnel found guilty in the incidents of fire reported during the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (up to March) are as under:-

Year	No. of persons found guilty		
	Outsiders	Railway employees	RPF personnel
2010	51	3	0
2011	11	11	0
2012	7	8	0
2013	0	0	0

(Upto
March)

