

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:876  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013  
HIGH LEVEL SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Jindal Shri Naveen

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

- (a) whether a high level Railway Safety Review Committee had recommended various measures including setting up of Railways safety Authority, Creation of a non-lapsable Railway Security Funds etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with major recommendations of the Committee;
- (c) whether the Railways have accepted any recommendations of the Committee;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations that have been accepted along with the action taken by the Railways against each of the accepted recommendation and if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether paucity of funds is one of the major reasons for slow progress in taking up the measures that enhance the safety features in Railways; and
- (f) if so, details of the steps taken/proposed by the Railways to generate funds for improving railway safety?

**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. 876 BY SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING HIGH LEVEL SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A High Level Safety Review Committee was constituted by Ministry of Railways on 16.09.2011 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 train services in the country. The Committee has submitted its Report to Ministry of Railways on 17.02.2012. The Kakodkar 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 Interferences – Encroachment and Sabotage, Signaling, 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) and Eco-System on Indian Railways and Safety Architectures on IR.

(c) & (d) The recommendations of the Committee are under examination.

(e) & (f) Safety has always been accorded highest priority by the Indian Railways. The expenditure on safety related activities has gradually increased from ` 30,662 crore in 2009-10 to ` 36,541 crore in 2012-13 (Revised Estimates). The same has been proposed at ` 41,112 crore in 2013-14 (Budget Estimates), representing an increase of 34% over the expenditure of 2009-10.