

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1338  
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2013  
LOSS DUE TO TRAIN ACCIDENTS  
Pakkirappa Shri S.

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

- (a) whether the Railways have to incur huge losses due to train accidents and providing compensation to victims from its own resources instead of charging from the Insurance Companies;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the compensation paid by Railways to the victims since 2010; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1338 BY SHRI S. PAKKIRAPPA TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2013 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING LOSS DUE TO TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Loss of railway property in consequential train accidents in 2012-13 has been estimated to 74.93 crore (approx.) and the amount of compensation paid by Railways in train accidents during 2012-13 has been estimated to 3.20 crore (approx.). There is no provision for charging of such losses from insurance companies.

(c) The amount of compensation paid by Railways to the victims of train accidents during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 has been estimated to 3.77 crore (approx.), 5.11 crore (approx.) and 3.20 crore (approx.).

(d) All possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and thereby to wipe out losses due to train accidents. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being introduced to prevent accidents include provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), Vigilance Control Device (VCD), Train Protection Warning System (TPWS), Train Collision Avoidance System/Anti Collision Device (ACD), etc.