

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3694  
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FIRE ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of fire accidents reported in railway stations in the country including Tamil Nadu and the major cause of such fire accident;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to prevent fire accidents at railway stations;
- (c) whether parcel offices in major railway stations are equipped with fire fighting equipment;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to protect the passenger waiting rooms and the retiring rooms adjacent to the railway stations?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Few minor fire related incidents occurred at stations of some of the zonal railways in the year 2013. However, no such incident was reported from stations of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) The steps taken by zonal railways to prevent fire accident at railway stations include regular checks against carrying of inflammable articles, conducting drives against smoking in station premises and trains, provision of fire extinguishers at strategic locations of station premises, holding of fire drills, training of running staff to handle fire fighting equipment, awareness among passengers through Public Address System etc.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Waiting Rooms and Retiring Rooms are normally located within station buildings. Fire Extinguishers are provided at strategic locations in the station buildings. The measures taken to protect these locations are explained at (b) above.