

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3410
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009
SAFETY MEASURES IN RAILWAYS
Chitthan Shri N.S.V.;Ram Shri Purnmasi

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the safety measures taken by the Railways upon the various reports of Railway Safety Commissioners;
- (b) whether around 90,000 safety related posts are lying vacant in the Railways;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to fill up all those posts;
- (d) whether the safety camps organized by Zonal Railways are not running successfully;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the other safety programmes that the Railways are planning to initiate; and
- (g) the steps taken so far towards Human Resource Development of the staff and result achieved in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (g) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3410 BY SHRI N.S.V.CHITTHAN AND SHRI PURNMASI RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2009 REGARDING SAFETY MEASURES IN RAILWAYS.

(a): Safety measures taken by Railways upon recommendations of Railway Safety Commissioners include action against the staff held responsible with emphasis on training to all safety category staff, and taking corrective action as recommended by them.

Some of the other important Safety measures taken by Railways include concerted efforts for timely replacement of the over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for up-gradation and maintenance of Track, Rolling Stock, Signalling & Interlocking systems, Safety Devices and Inspections at regular intervals to educate the staff for observance of safe practices.

(b) & (c): As on 31.3.2009,89204 safety related posts are lying vacant. As per the policy, Railway administration intends to fill up available vacancies promptly as per laid down procedure. Special emphasis has been given to hold expeditious selections.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Amongst the programmes being undertaken are timely rehabilitation, renewal and replacement of assets alongwith modernization and technological upgradation and capacity generation to augment Rail Infrastructure etc.

(g): Training is accorded highest priority and there are well laid down training programmes for improving knowledge, skills and competency levels of safety category staff. The training modules are revised periodically in keeping with the changes in the technology.