

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3442  
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ACCIDENT RELIEF TRAINS  
Shantha J.

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

(a) whether most of the time accident relief trains reach accident sites late;and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to ensure that relief trains reach the accident site within the shortest possible time?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No,Madam.Relief Trains proceeding to the site of accident are accorded highest priority for movement.Further,steps taken by the Railways to ensure prompt reaching of Accident Relief Trains (ARTs) include prescribing minimum time for despatch of ARTs after an accident, progressively increasing the speed of ARTs to 100 kilometers per hour, introduction of Self Propelled Accident Relief Trains, etc.