

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4492  
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2009  
DERAILMENT OF TATA BILASPUR PASSENGER TRAIN  
Singh Smt. Meena

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

- (a) whether several bogies of the Tata-Bilaspur passenger train derailed after Maoists blew up the railway tracks near Ghaghra halt in Western Singhbhum district of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the number of persons injured and died, separately, in this accident; and
- (c) the measures taken to check such incidents and to ensure the safety of the passengers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): On 19.11.2009 at about 21.20 hrs., train No. 321 Up(Tata-Bilaspur passenger) derailed at Kilometer No. 365/29 - 366/7 between Posoita and Manoharpur Railway stations over Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway in the state of Jharkhand due to bomb blast on Railway track. Due to this incident, 02 persons died and 24 suffered injuries, out of which 07 persons were grievously injured and 17 had simple injuries.

(c): Policing on Railways is the duty of the State Police which they discharge through Government Railway Police. The concerned State Governments have been requested to take effective steps to control such incidents and regular coordination is being maintained by the Railway administration with the State Governments concerned. Police authorities have also been requested for deployment of police/para-military forces on either side of the railway track in sensitive and vulnerable sections for security of railway tracks, bridges/ tunnels, etc.