

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CHECK ON RAILWAY ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been reported cases of failure/malfunctioning of 'break beam complete' parts used in the break system of trains, due to its sub-standard quality, especially in Mumbai Loco Shed and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (b) the average life of a break beam as per the concept of the RDSOK design;
- (c) the details of funds spent by the Railways for purchase of break beam during the said period;
- (d) the details of the rail accidents which have taken place due to the failure of break beam in a short period and/or due to non-application of break on time, during the said period; and
- (e) the action taken against the company responsible for supplying such sub-standard parts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) No failure has been reported owing to failure/malfunctioning of 'break beam complete' in Coaching stock including Electrical Multiple Units (EMU) in Mumbai area.
- (b) Break beams of EMU are being replaced on alternate periodical overhauling i.e after 36 months. However, RDSO has not issued any design of Coaching stock.
- (c) Indian Railways have incurred expenditure of around 30 crore for the purchase of break beams during the last three years.
- (d) No such rail accidents have been reported during the said period.
- (e) Does not arise.