

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE INCIDENTS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several incidents of fire at railway stations have been reported from various parts of the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the life and property lost in such incidents during each of the last three years and the current year, Station-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any investigation in the matter, if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the action taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken to improve facilities at railway stations such as railway ticket booking in the country particularly in the State of Jharkhand?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the last three years and in the current year, about 29 incidents of fire at railway stations took place wherein 03 persons lost their lives and railway property worth Rs. 1.97 crore (approximately) got damaged.

(c): Investigations into cases of fire involving loss of life and property due to fire at railway stations are conducted by the concerned Government Railway Police under relevant provisions of the law.

Preventive measures by the railways to check incidents of fire at railway stations include provision of fire fighting equipment at railway station premises, passenger awareness programme, keeping a watch over passengers carrying inflammable items etc.

(d): Indian Railways take various measures to improve the facilities at all Railway stations including those in the State of Jharkhand. This is a continuous process. Comprehensive norms for provision of passenger amenities including ticketing facilities at various stations already exist. Further, ticketing facilities/services have been expended, upgraded, diversified through the expansion of the Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS), introduction of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), etc.

Improvement/augmentation of amenities at stations is a continuous process and is undertaken as per requirement subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds.