

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ACCIDENTS DUE TO OVERLOADING OF TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the reasons for the damage of tracks; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address the problem?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Main reasons of damage to track are sabotage, natural calamities like floods, breaches, earthquakes etc. This is in addition to the normal wear and tear of track which is a part and parcel of any system.

Steps being taken by the Indian Railways to prevent damage of tracks are security patrolling in vulnerable areas, close coordination with civil authorities of State Government, Keyman's daily patrolling of tracks to detect any abnormality, monsoon patrolling of track to detect any damage to the track, posting of stationary watchmen at vulnerable locations like bridges, deep cuttings etc.