

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3618

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014

TRAIN ACCIDENTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the train accidents occurred on Konkan route during the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) the reasons for the accidents including the number of persons killed and injured therein and value of the Railway property damaged therein along with the steps taken to check such accidents;
- (c) whether the Railway Safety Commissioner has taken measures regarding the safety of passengers travelling on Konkan route and ordered to reduce the speed of trains on this route and asked for strict measures to prevent accidents; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3618 BY SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE AND SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2014 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

(a): During the last three years i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and the current year (upto November 2014), altogether 05 consequential train accidents took place on the Konkan route. All these accidents were derailments of trains. While no consequential accident took place in 2011-12, 01 consequential accident each took place in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and 03 consequential accidents took place during the current year 2014-15 (upto November, 2014).

(b): All the above 05 consequential derailments on Konkan route were attributed to failure of railway staff. No fatality or injury took place in these accidents. Loss of railway property in these accidents have been estimated at ? 2.25 crore (approx.) Measures taken to prevent derailments on Konkan Railway are as under:

Ensuring critical know-how of Site Protection Measures and curbing of short-cut methods in all spheres of train activities.

Engineering Field Maintenance staff is being re-oriented in vernacular languages to make them fully conversant with the safety instructions mentioned in General and Subsidiary Rules for safe operation of trains as well as the instructions regarding different category of permanent way maintenance works.

Watchmen have been stationed at all vulnerable locations during monsoon period and block section patrolling is also done during monsoon.

Special cold weather patrolling is also being carried out by Konkan Railway for the entire section during night.

Safety inspections are being carried out by officers and staff to ensure preventive action.

Intensive Training is being imparted to staff of technical departments regarding rolling stock defects and detailed analysis of other accident parameters.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Commissioner of Railway Safety has advised to reduce speed of the trains on Konkan route and also suggested measures to prevent accidents on this route. As per the recommendations of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Konkan Railway has imposed speed restrictions during monsoon. Block-wise speed restriction imposed during monsoon is as under:

Block Section	Speed (Km per hour)
Veer-Kankavali	75
Kankavali-Madgaon	90
Madgaon-Kumta	75
Kumta-Udupi	90

Further, Commissioner of Railway Safety had recommended for imposition of caution order of 75 kilometers per hour throughout the Konkan Railway until the completion of Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) testing of rails. Konkan Railway has completed USFD testing in approximately 700 kilometers out of 741 kilometers. Presently, caution order of 75 kilometers per hour has been imposed only from Asnoti to Thokur (245.20 kilometers).