

Title: References made to the loss of several lives in the tragic train accident on 2.12.2000 of the Amritsar-Howrah Mail collided with derailed bogies of Assam bound goods train in Sarai Banjara in Fatehgarh Sahib District of Punjab.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House that in a tragic train accident in Sarai Banjara in Fatehgarh Sahib District of Punjab, 43 passengers are reported to have lost their lives and more than 140 persons injured. The mishap occurred when the Amritsar bound Howrah Mail collided with derailed bogies of Assam bound goods train at 5.45 a.m. on Saturday, the 2nd December 2000.

We deeply mourn the loss of lives in this tragedy and the House may place on record its deep sense of grief in this regard.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

11.02 hrs.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)