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Title: Alleged poor maintenance of railway tracks and human error thereby causing frequent derailment on the Khurda Road-Kharagapur railway line.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, today is already the seventh day and one hour, one may say, that the grievous accident which had taken place near Jajpur Road of Coromondal Express where nine lives were lost and more than 100 people were injured.

The Minister of State for Railways, Shri Velu, had gone there and had given seven days' time within which the inquiry report will be out. Already seven days have passed and I expect this Government, at least, to come out with the reasons why this accident occurred because two contradictory statements have come. One is a human error, communication gap. Another is a technical error, because of the ultra modern signaling system which has been put in place but was not actually utilized.

I would just like to draw the attention of this House and of the Government that an information was communicated from Khurda Road Junction Division to the Jajpur Road Station Master that communicate it to the engine driver to limit the speed because the traction is now under repair and certain new technology is in force. So, unless they reduce the speed of the train from 109 kilometers to the specified limit you do not give green light. But this information was not communicated to the engine driver and the train sped and met with an accident. That is one version.

This version is that of a human error, I would say, which is being vouchsafe by responsible Railway officers. It is in the media. The second is the signaling system which is now in force. It was not fully completed, a part of it was manual and a part of it was technical.

So, I would urge upon the Government to come up before the House concludes on 26th, at least. Please come up with the information that why this accident has occurred; how this has occurred; who is responsible for it. Explanations have been sought for from the driver and the station master. This is on record. So, I would expect that the Government should come up with a statement relating to the reason why this accident has happened and who is responsible for this accident.