

Title: Regarding safety of passengers travelling in mails and express trains in the country.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways through you to the quality of work done by unskilled workers in certain sections of Indian Railways.

There have been frequent accidents, including today's accident, taking place in different parts of India. As you know, on April 10, 2005, there was an accident in which one passenger escaped narrowly. ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please do not give details now.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN : On April 10, 2005, a passenger on Howrah-Kalka Mail narrowly escaped and it was found that in the running train iron sheet was not provided the vestibule between two compartments but it was merely covered with cloth. Similarly, this month, the New Jalpaiguri bound Darjeeling Express collided with a truck at Shaktigarh near Burdwan and the driver and *khalassi* were killed on the spot. On April 18, 644 gelatine sticks were found in the Upper Kachar Express. This shows the extreme negligence of duties by the railway authorities concerned. I urge upon the Government through you to take stringent action for negligence of duties against the authorities concerned.