

1	2	3	4
Equipment failure	9	—	6
Sabotage	7	13	14
Combination of factors	—	4	1
Incidental	8	5	4
Could not be established conclusively	2	4	2
GRAND TOTAL	129	115	100

(c) Number of persons who lost their lives and sustained injuries in these accidents is as under:

Category	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Collision	1	47	9	53	44	113
Derailments	13	145	10	142	27	106
Manned Level Crossing Gate Accidents	27	43	18	54	7	6
Fire in Train	—	3	31	11	—	—
Miscellaneous	2	30	12	42	3	16
TOTAL	43	268	80	302	81	241

(d) Each and every accident is inquired into either by the Commissioner of Railway Safety or by the Departmental Inquiry Committees depending upon the severity of the accident. Out of 44 consequential train accidents during 2007-08 to 2009-10, 47 have been inquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety and the balance 297 have been inquired into by the Departmental Inquiry Committees.

Vacant posts in railways

2774. SHRI RAASHID ALVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- the number of posts vacant at various levels in Railways;
- the steps being taken to fill up these vacancies; and
- by when, these vacant posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The number of vacant posts in Group 'C' and Group 'D' (erstwhile) as on 1.4.2009 are 126183 and 41926 respectively.

(b) and (c) Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and at any point, there would be some vacancies in an organization. After streamlining the working of Railway Recruitment Boards, Centralized Employment Notifications in respect of about 40,000 posts have been issued. The process is already on.

Change in Budhapanka-Sukinda Road rail route

2775. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed route design of Budhapanka (Angul)-Sukinda Road has been changed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that because of the new design, the track is now going with a long distance of about 5 to 10 Km. from the Bhuban town viz. a Notified Area Council (NAC);

(d) whether it is also a fact that people have demanded for the original design by which the rail goes very close to the Bhuban NAC; and

(e) if so, whether Government is going to accept the public demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed changes of the alignment are as under:

1. Change of the take off point from Sukinda Road to next station Baghuapal is due to a number of sidings joining at Sukinda Road and to provide 'Y' connection at Baghuapal for movement to and from Banspani side and at Budhapanak station to avoid surface crossing.
2. The original alignment between km. 54-74 having the Bhuban station has been realigned to improve the operational efficiency by reducing the track length by 3.7 km.
3. The alignment between km. 13.00-18.30 in the proposed Muktaposi-Parjang block section has been straightened to avoid two road crossing of National Highway.

(c) No, Sir. The new alignment is away by about 3.5 km. only for the old alignment near the Bhuban NAC.

(d) No such demand has been received by the Ministry so far.

(e) Does not arise.