

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, provision, improvement and augmentation of facilities at a station is a continuous process.

Recent train accidents

†1527. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of train accidents in the country is on the rise;
- (b) the details of train accidents that took place between 1 January, 2012 and 31 July, 2012;
- (c) the number of persons killed or injured in these accidents; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted inquiries into these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The number of consequential train accidents excluding incidents of trespassing at unmanned level crossings have declined from 239 in 2003-04 to 169 in 2004-05, 169 in 2005-06, 123 in 2006-07, 129 in 2007-08, 115 in 2008-09, 100 in 2009-10, 93 in 2010-11 and further to 77 in 2011-12. In the current year, during April to July 2012, the number of these accidents have marginally increased from 21 to 24 in comparison to the corresponding period of the last year.

(b) and (c) During January to July 2012, a total of 44 consequential train accidents excluding incidents of trespassing at unmanned level crossings took place on Indian Railways. These include 4 collisions, 30 derailments, 3 accidents at Manned Level Crossings, 6 incidents of fire in trains and 1 miscellaneous train accident. 67 persons lost their lives in these consequential train accidents and 225 persons sustained injuries.

(d) Yes, Sir. Out of the above 44 consequential train accidents, 10 accidents have been inquired into by the Commissioners of Railway Safety under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the balance 34 have been inquired into by the Departmental Enquiry Committees.

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