

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fire in Train	31	11	0	0	0	0	9	7	30	39
Miscellaneous	13	42	3	35	0	0	5	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>254</b>

(d) Safety record of Indian Railways compares favourably with that of advanced railway systems of European Railways. As per the statistics maintained by European Railway Agency, on an average during 2009, 2010 and 2011, the accidents per million train kilometer on European Railway system as a whole was 0.271, whereas the same figure for Indian Railways for the period 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 was 0.15 on an average.

(e) As on 01.04.2012, the total number of safety category vacancies was 1,49,271.

(f) Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being introduced to prevent accidents include provision of Anti Collision Device (ACD), Train Protection Warning System (TPWS), Train Collision Avoidance System, Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), Vigilance Control Device (VCD), etc.

#### Introduction of Durgam Express trains

2918. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Ministry would consider the proposal for introduction of Durgam Express trains between Puri-Mumbai, Puri-Jaipur/Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar-Pune, Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru and Puri-Surat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): Introduction of new trains including Durgam Express trains is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. However, at present, there is no proposal to introduce Durgam Express trains between Puri-Mumbai, Puri-Jaipur/Jodhpur, Bhubaneswar-Pune, Bhubaneswar-Bengaluru, and Puri-Surat.