

current year (upto June, 2014), 115 train accidents have been attributed to failure of railway staff, 16 due to failure of other than railway staff, 10 due to equipment failure, 10 due to sabotage, 14 due to incidental factors, and cause could not be established in one case. Out of these 115 consequential train accidents caused due to failure of railway staff, disciplinary action has been initiated against 326 railway employees, disciplinary proceedings have been finalized in 244 cases and penalties have been imposed against the officials found responsible.

(d) There is a three-tier security mechanism of Railway Protection Force (RPF), Government Railway Police (GRP) and District Police over Indian Railways in which prevention and detection of crime in Railway premises and running trains are the responsibility of States through their GRP. Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRPs to ensure protection and security of railway property and passengers as well as matters connected with the Railways Act, Railway Protection Force Act and the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act. Concerned District Police are responsible for security of tracks, bridges and tunnels.

Electrified railway routes in Tamil Nadu

1179. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 30.08 per cent of total railway route in Tamil Nadu has been electrified so far; and

(b) whether Government is of the view that electrification of railway route at this pace is sufficient, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. As on 01.04.2014, 43.16 per cent of total rail lines in Tamil Nadu is electrified.

(b) Electrification of railway route is a continuous process, which is decided based on ' financial viability, traffic volumes and operational flexibility. The pace of electrification projects depends upon the availability of resources. During the XI Five Year Plan, a total of 4556 Route Kilometres (RKM) route was electrified. Further, during the first two years of XII Five Year Plan, a total of 2667 RKM route has been electrified. (2012-13 - 1317 RKM, 2013-14- 1350 RKM).