

Derailment of 15014 Kathgodam-Jaisalmer express

761. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten coaches of 15014 Kathgodam-Jaisalmer Express derailed between Thaiyat Hamira-Jaisalmer recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government suspects involvement of ISI in the said derailment; and

(c) if so, whether Government has ordered any inquiry into this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. 10 coaches of train No. 15014 Kathgodam-Jaisalmer Express derailed at Km. 282/8-9 to 283/4 between Thaiyat Hamira and Jaisalmer stations of Jodhpur-Jaisalmer section of Jodhpur Division on 20.01.2017.

(b) No involvement of ISI is suspected in the said derailment.

(c) The derailment was inquired into by a departmental inquiry committee. As per the findings of the inquiry report, the accident occurred due to one Alumino Thermit (AT) weld (at Km. 282/860 on left side rail of the track) getting suddenly fractured in heat affected zone in fast progressive manner under the wheel load of Loco No. 70599 WDG4D. The accident is classified as "Failure of Equipment-Permanent Way".

Incidents of unlocking of coupling of train coaches

762. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of incidents of unlocking of coupling of train coaches have been noticed in the last one year;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last one year, Division-wise;

(c) whether it is due to mechanical failure or human negligence;

(d) whether any corrective action has been taken so that it does not recur in future; and