

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373**  
**ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022**

**INCREASING DERAILMENT OF FREIGHT TRAINS**

2373. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of derailment of freight trains in the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of casualties caused due to the derailment in the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the goods being transported in the freight trains and the damage caused to them due to the derailments;
- (d) whether Government has analyzed the problem behind the growing number of derailments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373 BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 05.08.2022 REGARDING INCREASING DERAILMENT OF FREIGHT TRAINS**

(a) & (b): Indian Railways maintains accident data zone-wise. The zone-wise details of number of consequential freight train derailments alongwith casualties therein, during the last five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22, are given as under:-

Zonal Railway	Number of freight train derailments during the last five years	Casualties in freight train derailments during the last five years	
		Deaths	Injured
Central	7	0	0
Eastern	1	0	0
East Central	6	0	1
East Coast	8	0	0
Konkan	1	0	0
North Central	4	0	0
North Eastern	3	0	0
Northeast Frontier	5	0	0
North Western	4	0	0
Northern	6	0	0
South Central	2	0	0
South Eastern	3	0	2
South East Central	1	0	0
South Western	0	0	0
Southern	1	0	0
West Central	1	0	0
Western	0	0	0
Metro Kolkata	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

(c): The details of Goods/Freight transported in freight trains during the last five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22 is given below. The compensation paid due to damage of goods (which includes the component of damage due to derailment) during the last five years i.e. from 2017-18 to 2021-22 is given as under:

Year	Freight Loading (in Million Tonnes)	Compensation paid due to damage of goods (₹ in Lakhs)
2017-18	1159.55	79.50

2018-19	1221.48	52.27
2019-20	1208.41	22.96
2020-21	1230.94	45.80
2021-22	1418.27*	54.27

\* Provisional

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir, the number of consequential freight train derailments have been analyzed and it has been found that the number of consequential freight train derailments has decreased from 17 in the year 2017-18 to 11 in the year 2021-22, and most of the derailments have occurred due to Equipment failures, Incidental factors (Cattle run over, Flash flood, Boulder/tree on track), Sabotage, Failure of Railway staff and Failure of other than Railway staff.

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