

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 26.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
ACCIDENT OF GYANESHWARI EXPRESS .

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Shri T.K. Rangarajan

Will the Minister of COAL RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Eastern Circle has submitted the report on the accident of Gyaneshwari Express on 28 May, 2010;

(b) if so, whether the report has investigated the specific reasons as to why the driver of Goods Train could not see the bogies of the Express Train on the track or the driver of the Express Train could not pre-warn the Goods Train driver after the derailment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor? MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to

(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. ***** STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(a) TO

(d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.251 BY SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN TO BE

ANSWER

ED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.11.2010 REGARDING ACCIDENT OF GYANESHWARI EXPRESS.

(a) to (c):The Commissioner of Railway Safety/South Eastern Circle has submitted his preliminary report and has concluded that the derailment of Train No.2102 Jnaneshwari Express followed by collision with a Goods Train between Khemasuli and Sardiha stations on 28.05.2010 was caused due to tampering of track including removal of elastic rail clips and disturbance of cross level/alignment. Accordingly, the cause of the accident has been attributed to Sabotage. As per the report, at about 01.17 hours on 28.05.2010, the loco and 13 leading coaches of Train No.2102 Jnaneshwari Express derailed between Khemasuli and Sardiha stations infringing the other line. One goods train NSG/PRDP which left Sardiha at 01.13 hours, was coming from the opposite direction on the other line between Sardiha and Khemasuli stations. The crew of the goods train observed tripping of OHE and noticed heavy dust surrounding the track ahead impairing visibility. After few moments, they noticed the flasher light of the loco of Jnaneshwari Express was ON, implying that loco pilot of Jnaneshwari Express was intending to warn the crew of train coming from opposite direction. Apprehending danger, the crew of the goods train applied emergency brakes. Before the goods train could come to a halt, it collided with the derailed coaches of Jnaneshwari Express, as there was very little time and distance left and both the incidents occurred in a short span of time.

(d):Does not arise.