

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2177
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

SPURT IN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

2177 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of railway accidents so far in this Financial Year as compared to same period during last year;
- (b) number of deaths and injuries in these two comparable periods;
- (c) whether the “lapses at multiple levels in managing the train operations under Automatic Signal Failures” leading to Kanchanjanga Express collision of June 17th mentioned in the accident enquiry report, point to both systems collapse and dangers in travelling by train; and
- (d) number of railway accidents in the last five years along with numbers of deaths and injuries, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

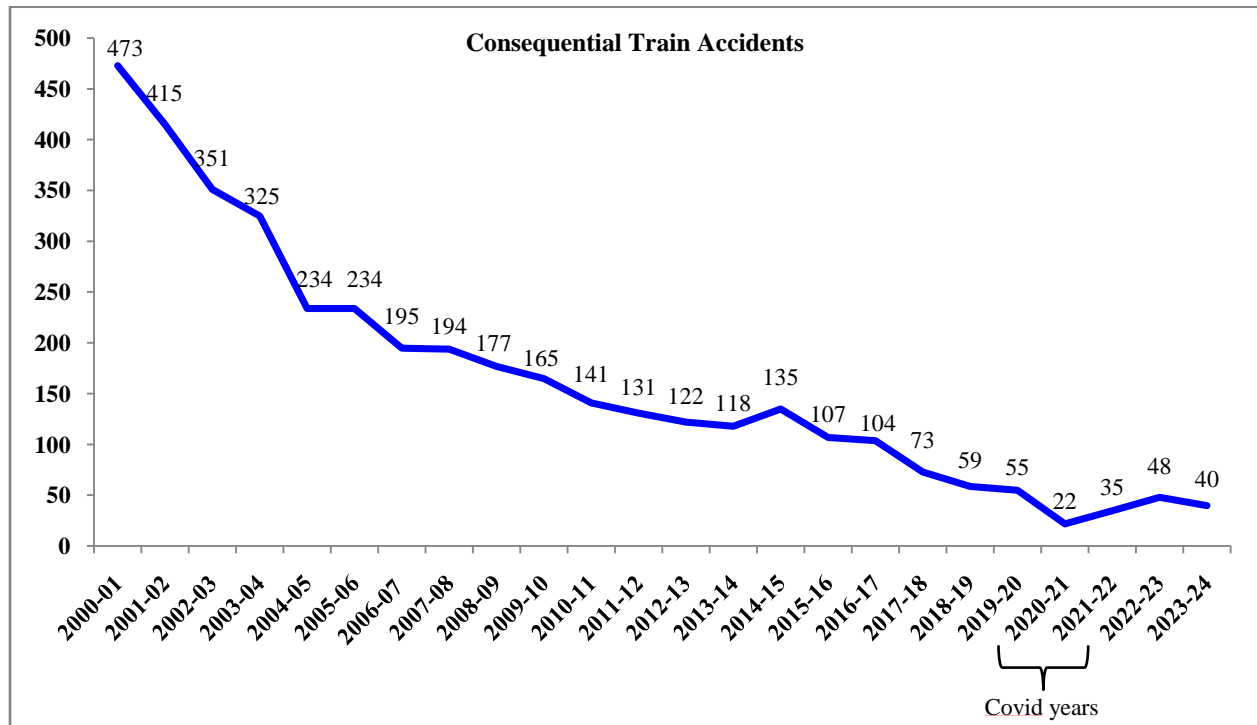
- (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2177 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.08.2024 REGARDING SPURT IN RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

(a) to (d) : As a consequence of various safety measures taken over the years, there has been a steep decline in the number of accidents. Consequential Train Accidents have reduced from 473 in 2000-01 to 40 in 2023-24 as shown in the graph below.

It may be noted that the consequential train accidents during the period 2004-14 was 1711 (average 171 per annum), which has declined to 678 during the period 2014-24 (average 68 per annum).

Another important index showing improved safety in train operations is Accidents Per Million Train Kilometer (APMTKM) which has reduced from 0.65 in 2000-01 to 0.03 in 2023-24, indicating an improvement of more than 95% during the said period.



Consequential Train Accidents on Indian Railways and casualties therein:

Period	No. of Consequential Train Accidents	No. of Deaths	No. of Injuries
2004-05 to 2013-14	1711	904	3155
2014-15 to 2023-24	678	748	2087

In the last FY 2023-24 (upto 31st July 2023), 14 consequential train accidents took place and the same number of consequential train accidents took place in the current FY 2024-25 (upto 31st July 2024).

Commissioner of Railway Safety Inquiry has been ordered in the case of Kanchanjunga Express Train Accident which took place on 17.06.2024.
