

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3883
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017**

KONKAN RAILWAY TRACKS

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DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government, after successful run of the swanky and high-speed Tejas Express is considering for Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to get a major facelift and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways are aware of the poor condition of Railway tracks specially during the monsoon season and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether a number of accidents were caused due to poor condition of rail tracks during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;**
- (d) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof and its outcome;**
- (e) whether the Safety Commissioner of Railways has warned about the traffic on Konkan Railway route and if so, the details of action taken by the Railways thereon; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways for the safety of Railway tracks and passengers?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3883 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT, SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL, SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN AND DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2017 REGARDING KONKAN RAILWAY TRACKS

(a): Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains are premium trains. Most of these trains are run on the Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) type coaches, which are of a superior design, as compared to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) type coaches. However, with the objective of enhancing the passenger experience on Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains, the Ministry of Railways has decided to take various steps to further improve the coach interiors and toilets on a pilot basis on a few Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains.

(b): The track on Konkan Railway Route is regularly maintained to the required safety standards. During monsoon season, in addition to the regular inspection of tracks, special monsoon patrolling is introduced and Konkan Railway deploy about 780 number of men for this purpose.

(c): Details of total number of train accidents on account of track defect is as under:-

Year	Total number of consequential train accidents	Number of consequential train accidents on account of track defect	No. of consequential train accidents on account of track defect in combination with other departments	Total No. of train accidents on account of track defect	% Share
2014-15	135	21	6	27	20.0
2015-16	107	24	11	35	32.7
2016-17	104	34	4	38	36.5
2017-18 (up to 30/06/17)	15	01	-	01	6.67

(d): All consequential train accidents are investigated either by Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation or by the Departmental Inquiry Committees on the Zonal Railways depending upon severity of the accident.

(e): The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) conducts an Annual Safety Inspection on Konkan Railway (KR) route every year before the onset of monsoon. Any deficiency pointed out by Commissioner of Railway Safety is taken cognizance and complied. The shortcomings pointed out by CRS have either been complied or action plan for long term item have been made.

(f): In addition to regular inspection and maintenance of track, measures have been taken to ensure safe running of trains in respect of track maintenance which include Ultrasonic test of rail as per prescribed frequency, replacement of 252 km of rail with 260 m long rail panel, Completion of Geo-safety works like Flattening/lowering of cutting at 101 identified locations, round the year patrolling in all unsupported tunnels, posting of stationery watchman at identified locations and Cold weather patrolling during winter season.

Additional measures are taken to ensure safety of trains during Monsoon season which include Implementation of Monsoon Time Table from 10th June to 31st October, Reduction in Maximum Permissible Speed to 75/90 kmph, Inspections of cuttings by various P-way Official before onset of Monsoon and also during monsoon, Round the clock posting of Watchman in vulnerable cuttings, Imposition of speed restriction at vulnerable cuttings, Monsoon patrolling from June to October, and Night inspections by inspecting officials.
