

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 890
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

DEATH DUE TO PLATFORM GAP

890. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government can provide the number of deaths that take place every year due to passengers getting stuck and subsequently killed between the railway platforms and the train coaches;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not providing data;**
- (c) the reasons for not formulating a manual which railway officials can follow in such situations;**
- (d) whether the Government imparts any training to railway officials to deal with such situations; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 890 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2017 REGARDING DEATH DUE TO PLATFROM GAP

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): During the last three years, 1172 passengers died due to getting stuck between railway platforms and train coaches over Indian Railways.

(c): Provisions are available in Accident Manuals of Zonal Railways for Railway employees to be followed whenever passengers get injured or died in unusual occurrence in trains or Railway premises over Indian Railways.

(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. Railways impart structured training at regular basis to its employees. Disaster Management training modules are in place for providing training to Railway employees.

All safety category staff are required to undergo structured training as per prescribed periodicity at various stages of their career. They undergo mandatory Initial, Promotional, Refresher and Specialized training programmes. Detailed modules with periodicity and course content taking into account technological changes and operational requirement are available in all the courses. Due emphasis is laid on practical training which helps in assimilating technology transferred and skill upgradation.

There are 7 Central Training Centres and 301 recognized Training Centres on Indian Railways, (62 “Main Training Centres” and 239 under “Other Training Centres”). About 3 lakh employees are trained annually on Indian Railways which roughly works out to 24% of total staff strength.

Safety category staff are also given training in Disaster Management with the emphasis on Relief, Rescue and Rehabilitation (three 'R's), Threat Perception & Emergency Response, Course on Fire Fighting & use of fire extinguishers and first aid.

The Railways are in the continuous process of modifying and refreshing the training of Railway staff to update their knowledge and skill. A comprehensive training need analysis of all categories of staff is being done through series of meetings. Based on the analysis, training modules are revised to suit the training requirement of individual staff besides changes in technology, work practices and objectives of the job. All safety category railway employees undergo refresher training once in 3/5 years. Maximum emphasis has been given for training of safety category staff viz. Assistant loco Pilots, Loco Pilots, Gangman, Permanent Way staff & Supervisors, Junior Engineer/Senior Section Engineer (Signal), Junior Engineer/Senior Section Engineer (Mechanical), Junior Engineer (Electrical), etc.
