

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 73  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**†73. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the existing mechanism in the Railways for safety and relief works;**
- (b) the average time taken to provide relief after an accident;**
- (c) whether there is lack of coordination in the disaster management mechanism of the Railways and it is not fully geared up to tackle the disasters; and**
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto and the remedial measures taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.73 BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**(a) & (b): Railways are fully prepared to quickly access the accident site for conducting rescue and relief operations in co-ordination with other Government and non-Government organisations within the initial hours of the accident. Railways have a network of 182 Accident Relief Trains (ARTs), 165 Accident Relief Medical Vans (ARMVs) and 320 stationary Portable Medical Kit for Accidents (POMKAs) placed at identified locations, which cover the entire rail network of Indian Railways. Immediately on receipt of information about an accident, involving or likely to involve injuries or deaths, ARMV is rushed to the site of the accident. Time required for the relief trains to reach the accident spot depends upon the distance and fitness of the approach track. Many a times Railway doctors, paramedics and other officials reach the accident site by road depending upon accessibility of the site by road.**

**On receiving the information of the accident, not only the Railways' resources, but resources from other Government and non-Government organisations are also requisitioned as per the need. For this purpose, contact details of such non-Railway resources are kept at the Railway stations and Railway hospitals/primary health centres as well as in the divisional and headquarter control rooms of the Zonal Railways. On-board staff like Loco pilot, assistant Loco pilot, guard, travelling ticket examiner, escorting staff etc., are trained in first aid and disaster management. These on-board staff act as first responders, they carry out rescue and relief operations till the time ART/ARMV reaches accident site. Assistance is also sought from civil administration, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Armed Forces in case of major accidents.**

**(c): No, Madam.**

**(d): Does not arise.**

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