

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.319
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

SAFETY OF TRACKMEN

***319. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of maintenance worker being run over by trains while patrolling the tracks are increasing day by day and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Railways has constituted a committee of general managers to suggest ways to improve the working condition of trackmen including their uniform and tool kit;**
- (c) if so, whether the aforesaid committee has submitted its recommendations and if so, the action taken thereon;**
- (d) whether there is a proposal to deploy 'Rakshak'- type protection system on the entire high density network on a crash basis and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which the said protection system will be introduced in the entire network and the details of other measures taken for the safety of trackmen?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.319 BY SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO AND SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING SAFETY OF TRACKMEN

(a) No, Madam. The cases of maintenance worker being run over by trains while patrolling the track are not increasing day by day.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. A Committee consisting of three Railway General Managers was constituted to review uniform and tool kits for Track maintainers.

The Committee has submitted its report on 22.01.2018. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, instructions have been issued to all Zonal Railways on 05.02.2018 for providing job specific protection gear like luminous vests, safety helmets with detachable miner's light, safety shoes, tricolor LED 3-cell torch, sturdy light weight backpack tool kit bag, winter jacket, raincoat with separate water proof trouser, winter jacket, snow boots etc. to Track Maintainers and provision of 'Rakshak' type protection system on high density network of Indian Railways.

(d) Yes, Madam. There is a proposal to deploy 'Rakshak' type protection system on the entire high density network of Indian Railways. A work has already been sanctioned during 2018-19 for provision of VHF based Approaching Train Warning System (Rakshak type) on Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals on Indian Railways.

(e) 'Rakshak' type protection system is a new upcoming technology. Deployment of this system over entire Indian Railways depends on success of this protection system on high density network.

Other measures taken by Indian Railways for safety of Trackmen include counselling by field staff, organising safety seminars, periodical medical examination of field staff, providing warning hooters etc.
