

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

CRACKS ON TRACKS DURING WINTER SEASON

†3668. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway lines in the country are monitored during winters;**
- (b) if so, whether there is increase in the number of incidents of cracked railway lines during the current winter season;**
- (c) if so, whether any incident in this regard has been reported in west central railway zone, Jabalpur and whether it has been rectified; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3668 BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING CRACKS ON TRACKS DURING WINTER SEASON

(a) Yes, Madam. A regular and rigorous schedule of inspection of track has been laid down at various levels. Apart from daily foot patrolling by the Keyman, Cold weather patrolling of the railway tracks is done as per provisions of relevant Manual to look out for weld/rail fractures for ensuring safety.

(b) No, Madam. The position of rail and weld failures over the Indian Railways' network for Main Line, during the last winter season (October to December 2017) and the current winter season (October to December 2018) is as under:

Month	Total Number of rail and weld failures	Month	Total Number of rail and weld failures
October-2017	506	October-2018	425
November-2017	836	November-2018	682
December-2017	875	December-2018 (till 26.12.2018)	749

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. 16 rail fractures and 34 weld failures have been reported on West Central Railway (WCR) during the current winter season. All these defects have been rectified. Month-wise detail of rail and weld failures on WCR is as under:

Month	Rail fracture	Weld fracture
October-2018	04	08
November-2018	05	13
December-2018 (till 25.12.2018)	07	13
Total	16	34