

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

RECTIFYING COUPLER ISSUE

3268. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the issue where the locomotive gets detached from the rest of the coaches due to a coupling failure has remained unattended for more than three years despite instructions to rectify it, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the detachment of the coupler results in the dangerous situation of the rake being left disconnected and moving;**
- (c) if so, the total number of such cases reported during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Research Designs and Standard Organisation of the Railways is rectifying the coupler issue; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND

ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 3268 BY SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING RECTIFYING COUPLER ISSUE

(a) to (e) : No such cases of decoupling of locomotive leading to movement of rakes has been reported in last five years. Further, in the event of detachment of locomotives and rakes coupler, the brake pipes decouples leading to dropping of brake pressure and application of brakes to avoid dangerous situation.

The improvement in coupler design for safe train operation is a continuous process by RDSO.
