

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

SAFETY AUDITS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

1676. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been conducting regular safety audits to prevent accidents, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to increase public awareness regarding railway safety ;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether there is a reporting system for employees to raise safety-related issues; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

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. 1676 BY SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING SAFETY AUDITS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

(a): Two types of Safety Audits are being conducted by Railways regularly, viz.:

(i) Bi-monthly safety audit is conducted by the individual Zonal Railway of its own divisions; and

(ii) An inter - zonal railway safety audit is conducted twice a year, in blocks of January to June and July to December, by a multi-disciplinary team of Railway officers.

The basic purpose of such audits is to identify areas in asset maintenance, operations and safety procedures that require improvement and can help prevent accidents.

(b) & (c): Regular campaigns for public awareness like Nukkad Nataks, Safety Seminars, Audio and Video advertisements at stations, public announcement systems, and periodical bulk SMS alerts are conducted for inculcating safety awareness in the public.

(d) & (e): Employees are encouraged to report any unusualls that are noticed, to the concerned authorities, which helps in rectifying these unusualls and address safety related issues. Employees can raise safety- related issues in Crew Management System and Track Management System also.
