

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3441  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

**SHORTAGE OF GUARDS**

**† 3441. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether goods trains are being run during night hours without guards and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether there is a shortage of guards as per the claims made by Moradabad Division and if so, the facts thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is also contemplating on running trains without guards;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this matter till now and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether such a situation be a reasons for any major railway incident and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a): Some goods trains are being run without guards during night hours in case of operational exigencies with extensive safety precautions as laid down under General and Subsidiary rules (G&SR).**

**(b): Presently there is some shortage of Guards. Against the total sanctioned strength of 843 Guards, currently there is vacancy of 169 Guards in Moradabad Division.**

**(c) & (d): End of Train Telemetry (EoTT) system has been provided as a Pilot Project on some of the freight trains.**

**(e): No untoward incident has been reported in the last three years on this account.**

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