

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2147  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2015**

**SAM PITRODA COMMITTEE**

**†2147. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether an expert committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sam Pitroda for the modernisation of the Railways;**
- (b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Railways; and**
- (c) if so, the major recommendations especially regarding safety in the railway system and the action taken by the Railways to improve the safety norms?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.**

**(c): The Committee's major recommendations especially regarding safety are: mechanized maintenance of track, installation of wheel impact load detectors, provision of train protection warning system (TPWS), elimination of unmanned level crossings, upgradation / renovation of workshops/coaching depots and use social networks / cameras/videos and other new tools and technologies etc.**

**Railways have already initiated action for elimination/manning of level crossings, provision of train protection warning system, hot box detectors, track friendly bogies, IT based system for monitoring train accidents (safety information management system) etc. Monitoring of safety performance and upgradation of safety norms is an ongoing process on Indian Railways.**

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