

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY TRACKS

†479. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether negligence has been noticed in maintenance and monitoring of rail tracks at Jabalpur under West Central Railway zone;**
- (b) if not, the reasons behind recent dangerous incidents of derailment of rail coaches filled with explosives; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to maintain the tracks to check recurrence of such incidents?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c) There is no negligence in maintenance and monitoring of rail tracks at Jabalpur under West Central Railway Zone. However, inside Ordnance Factory, Khamariya (OFK) under West Central Railway, the recent incidents of derailment have occurred due to combination of several factors like old age tracks, loco defects and overspeeding. The work for replacement of old age track has been sanctioned by Railway. The cost of the work will be borne by Railway and Defence authorities on cost sharing basis.