

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 939**  
**ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024**

**SAFETY INSPECTION OF TRACKS**

939 SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to complete inspection of railway track safety in view of CAG's observation that 50 per cent compulsory track safety inspection of railway tracks have not been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefore?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 939 BY SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING SAFETY INSPECTION OF TRACKS**

(a) and (b) Indian Railways have a set system of scheduled inspections by Railway officials which inter alia, includes daily inspection by Keyman and inspection/monitoring at predefined interval by various levels of inspecting officials through on-foot, trolley, foot plate and last vehicle inspections. Detailed inspections are carried out by officials as per schedule stipulated in Indian Railway Permanent Way Manual (IRPWM) and entered in web enabled Track Management System (TMS) on regular basis. Any shortfall in inspection is reflected in the dashboard of TMS and Alerts are generated by TMS for controlling officers to take necessary preventive and corrective action.

Monitoring of overall track geometry parameters is undertaken by Track Recording Cars (TRCs) and Oscillation Monitoring Systems (OMS) at prescribed frequency. CAG's Report had pointed out less inspection by Track Recording Car during the period of study. TRC is only a means to carry out super check of track parameters measured and monitored by Permanent Way Gang, Junior Engineers, Senior Section Engineers and test checked at Assistant Divisional Engineer level. In case of non availability of TRC, alternative means such as Oscillation Monitoring System (OMS) is used for monitoring of track.

04 new TRCs have also been commissioned to carry out the inspections to ensure no shortfall in monitoring of tracks by TRCs.

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