

CORPORATE SAFETY PLAN ON RAILWAYS TO END BY 2013

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The currency of Corporate Safety will come to an end on March 31, 2013. Railways are striving to minimize the number of accidents and exceed the targets of the Corporate Safety Plan (CSP). Upto the financial year ending March 31, 2009, 75.05 per cent safety related works indicated in this plan have been completed. The remaining works are likely to be completed by end of the Plan. For achieving the targets, monitoring of this fund is being done at Board, Headquarters and divisional level.

The Corporate Safety Plan (CSP) has the following broad objectives :

- 1) To achieve reduction in rate of accidents per million train kilometers from the present level of 0.44 to 0.17 by the year 2013.
- 2) Implement measures to reduce chances of passenger fatality substantially in consequential train accidents by 2013.
- 3) Focus on development of manpower through major improvements in working environment and training to reduce the accidents attributable to human failure by 40 per cent by 2013.
- 4) Achieve safety culture on all fronts including maintenance depots, worksites, stations, controls etc.
- 5) Progressively achieve an environment of "Fail-proof" from the present "Fail-safe" system of asset failures by upgrading the systems by 2013.
- 6) Prioritization of safety related projects.
- 7) Implementation of accepted recommendations of RSRC at an accelerated pace.

All the works planned under Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) have been completed by March 31, 2008. No works were, therefore carried on (under SRSF) during the last two year i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10.

An amount of Rs. 16,318 crore has been spent out of total projected amount of Rs. 17,000 crore under SRSF. To complete the ongoing works spilled over in year 2008-09, Rs. 590.36 crore has been credited in Depreciation Reserve Fund.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Railways, Shri E. Ahamed in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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