

STUDY FROM HOME----33

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

FOR STD XI AND XII

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SUBJECT TEACHER: E. ANTHONY

TOPIC- ACCIDENT (MODEL)

**QUESTION 2a (15MARKS)**As a correspondent of a local news paper, you have visited the accident site of a train accident in UP. Write a news paper report in not more than 300 words, entitled: 'Train Tragedy: Unscheduled Repair led to derailment', based on the following points-

**Date, place, time and event, damage, death toll and injured, first aid and hospitalization, cause of the accident, rescue work, relief operation, , account of the witnesses compensation, government assurance**

**(You may add relevant points)**

**Answer 2a**

### **TRAIN TRAGEDY: UNSCHEDULED REPAIR LED TO DERAILMENT**

**40 KILLED, OVER 300 INJURED!**

Correspondent –'Subah Savere'

**Date, place, time and event-** Uttar Pradesh. 28 June. At least 40 people were killed and over 300 injured on Sunday when over dozen coaches of two superfast Express trains got derailed in Uttar Pradesh, raising concerns once again about the patchy safety record of Indian Railways. The accident took place at about 1100 hours.

**Damage-**Seven bogies were badly mangled while three more bogies have capsized. The badly damaged bogies are - three AC 3 tier cars, one pantry car, five sleeper cars and two general cars.

**Death toll and injured-** Forty have been confirmed dead and over 300 injured as the Howrah-Delhi-Kalka Express got derailed near Fatehpur Malwa in Uttar Pradesh. Approximately 1200 people were travelling on board Kalka Mail. It is feared that the death toll would go up, as injured passengers were being admitted in nearby hospitals.

**First aid and hospitalization-** Many injured have been discharged after first –aid. Those seriously injured have been taken to the Fatehpur District Hospital.

**Cause of the accident-** The train was travelling from Howrah to New Delhi and was moving at the speed of 108 Km/Hr when the driver used emergency brakes to slow it down, which led to the derailment, sources claimed. The accident occurred when the driver of the train applied emergency brakes.

**Rescue and relief operation -**In Uttar Pradesh, local sources confirmed that gas cutters arrived at the accident spot and that the mangled bogies were being cut open to take out the injured. The train driver is said to be among the injured. Reports also claim that the count of injured will rise as some bogies have not yet been cut open for the rescue efforts. The train was passing through Malwa station when its engine and 12 bogies got derailed, sources said. Sources say that three rescue trains including one from Allahabad and Kanpur have rushed to the spot. One relief train reached the spot. The National Disaster Relief Force said it was sending three teams from Delhi, even as the Army was being called in for medical support. Mukul Goel, IG National Disaster Relief Force, said, "Three teams of total 100 people are going to the accident spot. These teams are specialised in collapse structure rescue. We are waiting for the Indian Air Force plane."

**Account of the witnesses-**Most of the travellers were asleep when the train, travelling at 55 kilometers per hour, derailed at around 4am local time (22:30GMT on Saturday).

"I was sleeping and suddenly there was a big bang and I found myself under a pile of bags," passenger Mahesh Kumar told AFP news agency.

**Compensation-** The Ministry of Railways has announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for the families of those dead, Rs 1 lakh for those critically injured and Rs 25,000 for those with minor injuries.

**Government assurance-** The Commissioner of Railways Safety PK Vajpayee will conduct an enquiry into the derailment of the train and has assured that the persons responsible for the tragedy shall not be spared. Railway authorities have given out a railways helpline number for the Kalka Express derailment - 033 - 26413660.