

# The Authorities are Endangering the Lives of People

## The Central Government should be Held Accountable for the Tragedies

On 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, Night 7:10 PM a tragic incident occurred at Kantakapalli railway station when the Visakhapatnam-Rayagada passenger train collided with the stationary Visakhapatnam Palasa passenger train from behind. 14 passengers are killed including the guard of the Palasa Passenger, along with the 2 loco pilots of the Rayagada Passenger train. As seen in the recent railway accidents, including the ones in Balasore and Buxar district of Bihar, the common underlying cause for these incidents has been the implementation of the Finance Ministry's directive to withhold approval for new posts within the Indian Railways. The increase in the number of trains operating on a single track necessitate higher maintenance efforts for the tracks. This also gives rise to concerns regarding the quality of the track infrastructure, particularly rails which are not strong and durable manufactured by multinational steel factories. Additionally, corruption in the process of awarding railway contracts can contribute to this issue. The repercussions of this decision are evident today. It would be more prudent to shift the focus from the introduction of Private Trains and Vande Bharat Trains towards prioritizing the recruitment of additional staff. We have consistently voiced this concern over an extended period. These tragic incidents are due to the irresponsible manner in which the government is handling the railways. The CPI(ML), Central Committee condemns the government's careless attitude. My deepest condolences to the injured and families of the deceased.

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