

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : East Japan Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 11:38, November 6, 2016

Location : Hacchonome level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 1,782 m from the origin at Kogota station, between Kogota station and Kitaura station, single track, Rikuu-To Line, Misato Town, Toda County, Miyagi Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, while the outbound local 8731D train, started from Kogota station bound for Naruko-Onsen station, Rikuu-To Line of East Japan Railway Company, was running between Kogota station and Kitaura station, the driver of the train noticed a light motor truck entered to Hacchonome level crossing, class four level crossing, then sound a whistle and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train collided with the light motor truck.

The driver of the light motor truck was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a light motor truck because the light motor truck entered to Hacchonome level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, in the situation that the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the light motor truck entered to the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching, in relation with that the eyes of the driver of the light motor truck was turned opposite to the approaching train, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the driver of the light motor truck was dead in the accident.