

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : East Japan Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 12:46, September 27, 2016

Location : Nakahara level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 98,960 m from the origin at Soga station, between Minamihara station and Chitose station, single track, Uchibo Line, Minami-Boso City, Chiba Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, while the inbound local 2180M train, started from Awa-Kamogawa station bound for Tateyama station, Uchibo Line of East Japan Railway Company, was running between Minamihara station and Chitose station, the driver of the train noticed a motorized bicycle entered to Nakahara level crossing, class four level crossing, then sound a whistle and applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train collided with the motorized bicycle.

The driver of the motorized bicycle was dead in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the train collided with a motorized bicycle, because the motorized bicycle entered to Nakahara 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 motorized bicycle entered to the level crossing where the train was approaching, related with the restricted visibility of the track by hedges and overgrown weeds, but it could not be determined the precise situations because the driver of the motorized bicycle was dead in the accident.