

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator	Central Japan Railway Company
Accident type	Level crossing accident
Date and time	About 06:54, January 16, 2018
Location	Bozuyama level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, at around 52,351 m from the origin in Nagoya station, between Idagawa station and Kasado station, single track, Kansai Line, Suzuka City, Mie Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, while the inbound Sectional Rapid 2350M train, started from Kameyama station bound for Nagoya station, Kansai Line of Central Japan Railway Company, was running at about 82 km/h between Idagawa station and Kasado station, the driver of the train noticed the motorized bicycle entering Bozuyama level crossing, class 4 level crossing, then applied emergency brake and sounded a whistle, but the train collided with the motorized bicycle.

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

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident occurred as the train collided with the motorized bicycle at Bozuyama level crossing, class 4 level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, because the motorized vehicle had entered the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching.

It could not be determined the reason why the motorized bicycle had entered the level crossing in the situation that the train was approaching, because the driver of the motorized bicycle was dead in the accident.