

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Ryutetsu Co., Ltd.

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 12:22, March 20, 2016

Location : Number 10 level crossing, class four level crossing without automatic barrier machine nor road warning device, located at around 2,422 m from the origin at Mabashi station, between Koya station and Koganejoshi station, single track, Nagareyama Line, Matsudo City, Chiba Prefecture

SUMMARY

The driver of the outbound local 47 train, started from Mabashi station bound for Nagareyama station of Ryutetsu Railway Company, running between Koya station and Koganejoshi station, noticed the pedestrian in No.10 level crossing, class four level crossing, and applied an emergency brake, but the train hit the pedestrian.

The pedestrian was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the accident had occurred as the front right lower part of the train collided with the pedestrian because the pedestrian had entered into No.10 level crossing, class four level crossing, where the train was approaching.

It is somewhat likely that the pedestrian had entered into the level crossing where the train was approaching, because the pedestrian did not notice the approaching train.

It is somewhat likely that the hedges etc., disturbed the visibility for the pedestrian to notice the approaching train, provided that the approaching train could be recognized directly in the direction of the approaching train without entering into the level crossing, but it could not be determined precise reasons, because the pedestrian was dead by the accident.