### 1.4.7 Lack of Maintenance of Train

Rail tracks need sleepers to maintain the gauge between the lines. Gauges are placed vertically with tracks. Gauge can be made of steel, wood or concrete. Nut and bolt are used to fasten the rail tracks on sleepers. Bangladesh Railway still uses wooden sleepers in some places. Some of them are so worn out that the nuts and bolts cannot hold the tracks tight. Also tinkering has been done with bamboo strips and iron nails to keep the existing sleepers in place. Derailment takes place due to excessive gauge widening.

The UNO said the accident took place due to errors of the pointing signal of Ullapara station.

At the same time, there has been a number of fatal accidents and derailments due to poorly maintained lines and carriages.

Average block time per derailment was very high in west zone than east zone and the value was 10 hours 43 minutes for west zone while 6 hours for east zone.