

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:674
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS IN THE COUNTRY
KANTI SINGH;MONI KUMAR SUBBA;SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether frequent rail accidents have been noticed in the recent past in which a sizeable number of persons were killed because of unmanned level crossings, State-wise;
- (b) the number of manned/unmanned level crossings exist in the country as on 30th June, 2002; State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to make the unmanned crossings into manned crossings with the assistance of State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.674 ASKED BY SHRIMAT KANTI SINGH, SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL AND SHRI M.K. SUBBA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2002 REGARDING UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS IN THE COUNTRY

(a): The record of accidents are maintained Zone-wise and not State-wise. The number of consequential train accidents (Zone-wise) at unmanned level crossings and persons got killed during 2001-2002 and first three months of 2002-2003 are given below :-

Railway	2001-2002+		2002-2003 (Upto June, 2002)+	
	No. of accidents	Deaths	No. of accidents	Deaths
Central Railway		6	14	
Eastern Railway				
Northern Railway	27	55	11	10
North Eastern Railway	15	45	7	7
Northeast Frontier Railway	2			
Southern Railway	9	9	1	1
South Central Railway	10	13	3	3
South Eastern Railway	8	11	2	
Western Railway	3	5	5	16
Konkan Railway Corporation				
Total	80	152	29	37

+ Figures are provisional.

(b): There are 16424 manned and 20291 unmanned level crossings in the country. The state-wise details are as under :-

States	Manned	Unmanned
Assam	430	593
Andhra Pradesh	1233	1478
Bihar	1050	1114
Chattisgarh	193	376
Delhi	55	02
Gujarat	1493	2849
Haryana	553	318
Himachal Pradesh	41	14
Jammu & Kashmir	18	12
Jharkhand	319	512
Karnataka	630	946
Kerala	407	138
Madhya Pradesh	1136	1266
Maharashtra	1164	1208
Manipur	1	2
Mizoram	0	1
Orissa	324	1134
Punjab	766	998
Rajasthan	1412	1728
Tamil Nadu	1228	1297
Tripura	01	15
Uttar Pradesh	2781	3038
Uttaranchal	62	07
West Bengal	1097	1233
Chandigarh	06	01
Pondicherry	09	09
Goa	14	2
Nagaland	1	0
Total	16424	20291

(c): For manning, unmanned level crossings, necessitated due to increase in the volume of the road traffic only, the initial capital as well as capitalized cost of annual recurring maintenance and operational cost has to be borne fully by the State Government/Local Authorities concerned. However, considering the serious consequences of the accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man hazardous level crossings at its own cost. 4449 such unmanned level crossings have been planned to be manned in a period of 5 years. Efforts are being made to persuade the State Government to come forward with their proposals for manning of unmanned level crossings on 'Deposit' terms.