

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATION SOUGHT FROM PANCHAYATS BY RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways propose to involve panchayats along side the rail tracks to assist in enhancing rail safety;
- (b) if so, the details of such a plan;
- (c) whether this plan has been tried out in any zone;
- (d) if so, the details of areas selected for such a cooperation between the Panchayats and railways; and
- (e) the results achieved from such cooperation ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The State Governments were requested in 1994 and 1995 to address the heads of every village, falling under their jurisdiction to arrange meetings with their villagers and create awareness in them how to negotiate unmanned level crossings and avoid dangers in careless driving. To educate the villagers regarding precautions to be taken for negotiating unmanned level crossing, Zonal Railways undertake campaigns from time to time in which various civic bodies, district administrations, municipalities , village panchayats and many non-governmental agencies are closely involved. These social campaigns are carried out by zonal railways primarily, to focus on the role of road vehicles users in enhancing safety. It is not feasible to quantify the result of these steps in terms of reduction in accidents.