

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LEVEL CROSSINGS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of minor and major train accidents during the last three years in West Bengal due to faulty or non- existence of level crossings in the State;
- (b) whether the Railways have received proposals for construction of level crossings from the Government of West Bengal during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location wise?

Answer

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

(a): The units of Railway operations are the Railway Zones and not the States, hence State wise details are not maintained. However, Eastern, South Eastern, and Northeast Frontier Railways operate in the state of West Bengal, and 32+ level crossing accidents have occurred on these Railways during the last three years-from 2000-01 to 2002-03. No consequential train accident, due to faulty or non existence of level crossings has taken place in the said period on the three Railways.

(+ provisional figures)

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.