GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2821 ANSWERED ON:11.08.2005 UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSING IN HARYANA Gill Shri Atma Singh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unmanned level crossings in Haryana;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct road overbridges at unmanned level crossings in Sirsa, Fatehabad and Hisar district of Haryana and also manned the unmanned level crossings there; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this work is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) There are 328 unmanned level crossings in the State of Haryana.
- (b) & (c) Railway construct Road over/Under bridges (ROBs/RUBs) on cost sharing basis in lieu of busy level crossings (LCs) where traffic density is more than 1 lakh Train Vehicle Units (TVUs); otherwise on deposit terms. Road over bridge/Road under bridge on certain important National Highways are constructed by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Scheme. These Road over bridges/Road under bridges are fully funded by NHAI. On other National Highways work is executed on cost sharing basis with respective State Governments. There is no provision to construct Road over bridges at unmanned level crossings anywhere in the country.

Further, As per extant rules, in case an unmanned level crossing provided initially and maintained at the cost of the railways needs manning/upgrading/posting of additional gatekeeper due to increase in road traffic only, the cost both initial as well as recurring and maintenance has to be borne by the State Government /Road Authority concerned. However, keeping in view the grave consequences of accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man vulnerable level crossings based on the traffic volume and visibility conditions at the unmanned level crossings. Manning of such level crossings is being done progressively. Railways do not maintain district-wise details of works to be undertaken in future.