

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING IN COASTAL ANDHRA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that due to absence of proper railway level crossings in coastal Andhra Pradesh, accidents are occurring frequently;
- (b) if so, the details of accidents occurred at these places during the last one year along with loss of lives therein;
- (c) whether railway crossing at VT Agraaram, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh has become most vulnerable for crossing and causing deaths; and;
- (d) if so, the steps the Railway would like to take to provide proper railway level crossing at the above place?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Accident cases occurring in coastal Andhra Pradesh line can not be attributed only to absence or availability of level crossing in the Section.

(C) & (d) No level crossing exists at V.T. Agraaram in Palasa - Vizianagaram Section. However, there is an unauthorized location at Km. 820/11-13 at V.T. Agraaram from where residents are unauthorisedly crossing the railway track despite availability of manned level crossing at a distance of about 900 meter on one side and a road over bridge at a distance of 1.6 Km. Proliferation of level crossing in close proximity is a potential safety hazard for both the railways and the road users and more so, to the road users. Therefore, keeping in view the availability of one manned level crossing and a road over bridge in close proximity which the residents of the area may use to cross the railway track, there is no proposal to provide any level crossing in V.T. Agraaram