

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS COLLECTED FOR RAILWAY SAFETY FUND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) total amount collected towards the Railway Safety Fund; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government for effective utilisation of the above amount?

Answer

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

(a): The Railway Safety Fund mainly receives contribution from the General Exchequer out of the diesel cess. As per 2004-05 (Budget Estimates), the Railway's share of the diesel cess is Rs.401 crore.

(b): This Fund is used exclusively for Road Safety Works consisting of

(i) manning of unmanned level crossings and provision of various safety features at level crossings and

(ii) construction of road over bridges/road under bridges at busy level crossings. The outlay of Rs. 401 crore has been earmarked for such works under the planheads `29-Road Safety Works-Level Crossings(Rs.150 crore) and `30-Road Safety Works-Road Over/Under Bridges(Rs.251 crore).

To ensure effective utilisation of this fund, following steps are being taken-

No reappropriation from Railway Safety Fund is permissible to other works since the Fund has been created exclusively for works of road safety.

During the financial year, interlocking of 300 level crossing gates, provision of telephones at all newly manned gates and provision of Train Actuated Warning Devices at 90 level crossing gates have been targeted.

Besides, work for manning of 546 unmanned level crossings and construction of 433 road over/under bridges is in progress as on 1.4.2004.