

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:557
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
RAILWAY SAFETY FUND
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are regular accidents occurring all over the country at the unmanned railway crossings;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that Railway Safety Fund was created to finance works relating to rail safety measures;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not using the funds for safety purposes;
- (d) whether these matters have been inquired into to bring to book the authorities responsible for not using the Railway Safety Fund for the purpose it was created; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.557 BY SHRI G. M. SIDDESWARA TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.02.2008 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY FUND.

(a): Yes, Sir. Though accidents at unmanned level crossings do occur frequently, mostly due to the fault of road users, the number of such accidents has however declined from 64 during April 2006 to January 2007 to 57 during the corresponding period of the current year.

(b): Yes, Sir. Railway Safety Fund has been set up primarily to channelise the Railway's share of the diesel cess and petrol cess, received from the Central Road Fund.

(c): The Railway Safety Fund is utilized exclusively for road related railway safety works such as construction of Road Over and Under Bridges, improvement of level crossings including their manning, etc. and not for any other purposes. A large number of works have been sanctioned from the Railway Safety Fund.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.