

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY CROSSINGS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether accidents frequently occur at unmanned level crossings resulting in loss of life and property;
- (b) if so, the details of such major accidents during the last three years alongwith the compensation granted to the victims and loss to the railway property;
- (c) whether there is any time-bound proposal for converting all unmanned level crossings into manned level crossings; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) No Madam. As per the average figure of accidents at the unmanned level crossings, it is revealed that 0.4% of the total number of unmanned level crossings are involved in the accidents per year.

(b) In case of level crossing accidents, exgratia payment may be made. The amount paid in the last three years are as under:

2007-08 - 21.57 lakh

2008-09 - 10.01 lakh

2009-10 - 20.53 lakh

(c) and (d) As per policy, manning of the unmanned level crossings qualifying the criteria for manning are being done progressively. Necessary sanction and funds are made available for such works. During the last five years 1340 unmanned level crossing gates have been manned. And 3000 unmanned gates have been targeted for manning on Indian Railways during 2010-11. Within next five years, all unmanned level crossings have been planned for manning.