

**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 the Railways are aware that hundreds of unmanned crossings still exist in the country including Palamau District of Jharkhand causing serious accidents resulting in loss of lives of both men and animals;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways are contemplating for the construction of manned crossings by relaxing the stringent condition; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. There are 15,993 unmanned level crossings on Indian Railway which includes 57 Nos. of Palamu District of Jharkhand as on April, 2010. As per policy the unmanned level crossings qualifying the criteria for manning are being manned progressively on continuous basis. Sanction/funds are made available for such manning works. The criteria for manning of unmanned level crossings has been changed to increase manning of more number of level crossings. Earlier criteria of manning the gates with Train Vehicles Units (TVUs) of 6000 and above has now been changed to 3000 TVUs to bring more unmanned gates into the ambit of manning.

For the year 2010-11, 4000 unmanned level crossings are planned for manning and the remaining are targeted for completion in the next five years.