

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS CROSSINGS/OVERBRIDGES IN H.P.

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for construction of railway crossings or over bridges above the narrow gauge and broad gauge rail lines in Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) has been formulated; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. There is laid down system for construction of level crossings and road over bridges on Railway lines in all States including Himachal Pradesh. Railways provide new level crossings or road over bridges (ROB), in consultation with the State Govt., at the time of laying of new railway lines. For already constructed Railway lines, Railways share the cost of ROB in lieu of level crossing, where Train Vehicle Unit (TVU) is one lakh or above, subject to State Govt's consent for closing of the Level Crossings after commissioning of ROB, provision of funds in their Budget, advance action for land acquisition, etc. All such proposals, found technically feasible, are included in the Railway's Works Programme during the year and approval of the Parliament is sought. Depending on locations and traffic on the level crossings, Railways construct limited height sub-way or light FOB (with or without ramp) for pedestrian and light two/three wheeler vehicles, on cost sharing basis in addition to ROB. Further, in consultation with the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation, Railways have decided to construct Road Under Bridge in lieu of existing unmanned Level Crossings through 'MPLADS' fund. Above instructions are applicable all over Indian Railways.