

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UNMANNED RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that hundreds of unmanned level crossing still exist in the country including Sua and Bakhari villages of Palamu District of Jharkhand causing serious accidents resulting in loss of lives of both men and animals;
- (b) if so, whether it is also true that the stringent conditions are enumerated when the local public representative approach for manning the crossing gates;
- (c) if so, whether the Railways are contemplating for the construction of such gates relaxing the stringent condition; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) Railways provide new level crossings, Road Over/Under Bridges (ROB/RUB), as part of the accommodation works at the time of construction of new line. For railway lines in service after 10 years, Railways provide additional manned level crossings/additional Road Under Bridges at the cost of sponsoring agency. However, from Safety and Operational considerations, provision of Road Under Bridge is preferred over a new level crossing.

Railway has relaxed the criteria for manning of unmanned level crossing from 6000 Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) to 3000 TVUs. Railway has also relaxed norms for construction of subway in lieu of level crossings i.e. Railway will construct Road Under Bridge/Subway at its own cost upto Rs. 2.5 crore and in case the cost is above Rs. 2.5 crore, Railways will bear 50% of the cost, provided State Governments agree for closure of level crossing, after commissioning of Subways and making necessary arrangement of repair and maintenance of Roads and Drainage system in future.