

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF GATES AT RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rules with regard to duration of time for which the railway crossings are kept close before the arrival and after the departure of trains;
- (b) whether the Railways are aware that gates at railway crossings are kept closed unnecessarily resulting in wastage of diesel worth crores of rupees; and
- (c) if so, the corrective measures initiated or being taken to solve this problem?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Detailed technical Rules governing opening and closing of level crossing gates are framed keeping in view safety of rail and road users' as also Railway's operational requirements. Gates are closed as per requirement under Rules. However, following corrective measure have been taken to reduce waiting time.

(i) Level crossing gates with Train Vehicle Unit (TVU) above one lakh are progressively being replaced by Road Over Bridges & Road Under Bridges.(ii) Subways are being made in lieu of gates.(iii) Manned gates with high TVU are being interlocked. (iv) Gate's normal position is changed from closed to road traffic to open to road traffic at busy gates.(v) Gateman and Station Masters are advised to observe Safety rules and open/close gates promptly.