

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SOLAR ENERGY LIGHT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether solar energy based lights have been installed at railway level crossing in the country including West Central Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the quality of lights installed is poor and sub standard;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways have enquired into it; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against those found guilty?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. At present, 3273 level crossing (LC) gates all over the country have been provided with solar energy based lights, out of which 412 nos. are on West Central Railway.
- (c) to (e): Solar lights at these level crossing gates are procured to specifications approved by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) & from sources available against Director General Supply & Disposal (DGS&D) rate contract. The performance of these solar lights has been found satisfactory.