

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL CROSSING AT VANTADA VILLAGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether residents of Vantada village are deprived of road connectivity as Ahmedabad–Udaipur line is crossing the village approach road;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that residents of Vantada village in Sabarkantha District have gone on Rail Roko agitation with a demand to provide Railway crossing for approach roads; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to find solution in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. One unmanned level crossing No. 203 is situated at Km 308/3-4 near Vantada village, near Virawada Railway Station on Udaipur-Himmatnagar section to provide passage to the villages.
- (b) Yes, Madam. The villagers have demanded a road through the railway land at level crossing No.203 at Virawada station on the section. A Rail Roko agitation was held in January/February 2011 to press the demand for pucca approach road.
- (c) Railway has agreed for transfer of 300m X 12m and 90m X 12m strips of railway land for making pucca road on payment of cost, as per extant rules, by the State Government. However, gauge conversion work of the section is sanctioned, and this level crossing will be shifted by 480m towards Himmat Nagar during gauge conversion. After that, additional land will be required for the approach road, which State Government has to acquire, as the existing railway land is not sufficient. Provision of approach road to connect the level crossing beyond railway boundary is the subject of State Government concerned.