GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2451 ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011 CORPORATE SAFETY PLAN Patel Shri Bal Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of utilization of funds allocated for undertaking safety works under the Railway Safety Fund;

(b) whether the progress in replacement of level crossings with ROB/RUB are very low;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether only 12.62 per cent of the identified level crossings have been replaced;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore and whether progress of other improvement works at level crossings as proposed in Corporate Safety Plan is also very low; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) In the year 2010-11 against an outlay of Rs. 1,700 crore provided under Railway Safety Fund for road related safety works, an expenditure of Rs. 1101 crore was incurred during the year amounting to a utilization of 64.8%.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As on 01.04.2011, against 2194 level crossings having Train Vehicle Units more than one lakh and qualifying for cost sharing with State Government/Road Authorities for construction of ROBs/RUBs, 914 works of ROBs/RUBs are sanctioned. Moreover, over the years 2831 level crossings have been replaced with ROBs/RUBs.

(e)&(f) Provision of lifting barriers, manning, erection of retro reflective safety boards, provision of speed breakers etc. have been planned as improvement works at level crossing and as per the availability of resources, the works are being executed.