

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1499

ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012

MANNED UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS IN THE COUNTRY

Choudhary Shri Harish;Singh Shri Ijyaraj ;Yadav Shri Arun Subhashchandra

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of manned and unmanned level crossings in the country, State-wise, zone-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are considering to eliminate the level crossings in the country to resolve the problem of traffic jam;
- (d) whether the Railways have made any assessment about the loss in the speed and frequency of trains due to these level crossings and extrapolated it in terms of loss to economy; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal will be executed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) As on 01.04.2011, there are 14896 unmanned and 17839 manned level crossings on Indian Railways. The Railways do not maintain level crossing data State-wise. However, Zone-wise data is appended. Railways have decided to eliminate unmanned level crossings by (i) construction of RUB/subway in lieu of level crossing (ii) by construction of diversion road for merger of unmanned level crossing gate to nearby manned or unmanned gates or subway or RUB or ROB (iii) by closing unmanned level crossings having NIL Train Vehicle Unit where roads are non-existent on either side. Railways have also decided to progressively man such unmanned level crossings, which cannot be eliminated by any other means.

There is around 3 to 5 % loss in punctuality of trains due to level crossings. Aforesaid works shall be completed in due course of time subject to financial resources and cooperation of State Government, particularly, consents of closure of level crossing and undertaking to maintain road and drainage in future.