

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:389

ANSWERED ON:03.05.2012

LEVEL CROSSINGS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for construction of level crossings;

(b) the zone-wise details of the number of level crossings which have not been constructed so far despite fulfillment of all norms; and

(c) the efforts made by the Railways to accord priority for construction of level crossings with a view to easing traffic jams in big cities and also to man all the unmanned level crossings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 BY SHRIMATI RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH & SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2012 REGARDING LEVEL CROSSINGS.

(a) New Level Crossing (LC) is provided in consultation with the State Government at the time of laying a new line or within 10 years from the date of its commissioning to traffic. Thereafter, accommodation works, such as level crossings, can be provided at a technically suitable location on deposit terms, if such a proposal is sponsored by the State Govt. /Local bodies duly agreeing to bear the initial cost of construction of the level crossing and one time capitalized cost of recurring maintenance and operational charges.

(b) No such work of provision of new level crossing is pending except at two locations, one at Panipat-Gohana-Rohtak Railway line at Azad Nagar and Sanjay Colony at km. 68/14-15 of Northern Railway and the other one is LC No.167A at km. 380/19-21 between Barithengarh-Byree stations of East Coast Railway.

(c) Construction of new unmanned or manned level crossing on running line is not being encouraged since level crossings are potential safety hazard both for rail & road users and more so to road users. In order to provide safe crossing, Railways have decided to progressively man vulnerable unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated, based on rail-road traffic volume, visibility conditions, etc. Railways have decided to eliminate the unmanned level crossings by (i) construction of RUB (Road Under Bridge)/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 (Road Over Bridge) (iii) by closing unmanned level crossings having NIL Train Vehicle Unit where roads are non-existent on either side.