

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4380
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014
ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the rise in the number of accidents on unmanned gates and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to convert unmanned gates into manned gates;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the gates shifted during conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge has led to inconvenience for people in crossing the gates; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Railways for local people convenience?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4380 BY SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2014 REGARDING ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED CROSSINGS.

(a) Consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings, caused mainly due to negligence of road vehicle users, has shown a decreasing trend since the year 2011-12. These accidents have come down from 54 in 2011-12 to 53 in 2012-13 and further to 40 in the current year (upto 31st January, 2014).

(b) It has emerged from the study of pattern of accidents that only manning of unmanned level crossings is not an ideal solution for avoiding accidents. Therefore, the policy has been reviewed. Accordingly, Railways have decided to progressively eliminate all unmanned level crossings by:

Closure - Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/ negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVU)

Merger - Merger of unmanned level crossing gate to nearby manned or unmanned gates or subway or Road Under Bridge (RUB) or Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of diversion road.

Provision of Subways/RUBs

Manning- The unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means will be progressively manned based on rail-road traffic volume, visibility conditions.

Elimination of all these Level Crossings is a gigantic task and involves lot of manpower, resources and budgetary support. It is a continuous process and is done as per need, inter-se priority of works, availability of funds and co-operation of State Government, particularly, in getting consent of closure of level crossing and undertaking to maintain road and drainage in future for subways.

(c) & (d) Shifting of railway gates is done with the consent of State Governments who definitely keep convenience of the people in mind.