

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:293
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009
ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of accidents at unmanned railway crossings;
- (b) if so, the number of accidents which took place on unmanned railway crossings during each of the last three years, zone-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.293 BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.07.2009 REGARDING ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS.

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Zone-wise and year-wise number of unmanned level crossing accidents occurred during the last three years is given below:

Railway No. of Accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

Central	-	-	-
Eastern	1	1	1
Northern	15	10	3
North Eastern	5	8	11
Northeast	2	-	1
Frontier			
Southern	11	6	5
South Central	5	4	4
South Eastern	-	5	1
Western	9	5	9
East Central	-	4	3
East Coast	3	4	5
North Central	3	1	2
North Western	10	4	11
South Eastern	3	2	3
Central			
South Western	4	8	1
West Central	1	3	2

Total 72 65 62

(c): Steps taken by the Railways to prevent accidents at the unmanned level crossings include:

(i) Manning of unmanned level crossings in phased manner.

(ii) Public awareness programmes and publicity campaigns undertaken regularly through various electronic and print media to educate the road users for observing safe practices while negotiating unmanned level crossings. State Governments have also been requested to undertake similar campaigns.

(iii) Ensuring all time availability of basic infrastructure at level crossings which include levelled road surface at the crossings, proper road signs at the approaches including 'STOP' boards to warn the road users, speed breakers/rumble strips on the approach roads, whistle boards for the train drivers to whistle while approaching the level crossings and approach roads with proper gradient for safe

movement of the road vehicle users negotiating the level crossings.

(iv) Joint ambush checks with involvement of civil authorities to check the erring road users.

(v) Delegation of powers to Zonal Railways for sanctioning 'Limited Use Subways', based on feasibility and local conditions, costing upto Rs.50 lakhs in each case.