

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1121

ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015

UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of manned/unmanned railway crossings in the country including Rajasthan and Kerala;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to close all unmanned level crossings in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal to construct overbridges/underpasses at the unmanned crossings in the country including Alappuzha district of Kerala and if so, the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the number of accidents/casualties due to unmanned level crossings in the country along with compensation to the victims during the last three years and current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to ensure the safety of train commuters and also the safety of the common people at the unmanned railway crossings in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121 BY SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT, SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI, SHRI KAMAL NATH, SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP, SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA, DR. BHOLA SINGH, SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT, SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI, SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN, SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE, SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA, SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA, SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY, SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA, DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI, MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN, SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO, SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE, SHRI G. HARI, SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV, SHRI RAHUL KASWAN, SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA, SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN, ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR, SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH, SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD AND SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2015 REGARDING UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

(a) At present, there are 18785 manned and 11563 unmanned level crossings (UMLC) in the country including the States of Rajasthan and Kerala.

(b) It is the endeavor of Railways to eliminate all unmanned level crossings by Manning/Closure/ Merger and Provision of Subways/Road Under Bridges (RUBs). In the last three year and upto January of current year, 4454 unmanned level crossings have been eliminated from Indian Railway network. Statewise break up of elimination of unmanned level crossings for last three years and current year is at Appendix.

(c) 3259 numbers of unmanned level crossings have been planned to be eliminated by construction of Road over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs). No unmanned level crossing in Alappuzha Distt exists on Indian Railways. These works of ROB and RUBs are undertaken under plan head 30 and allocation under the same for last three years and current year is as follows:

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	2014-15
(3 years)					
2011-14					
Allocation	1200	1350	1490	4040	1740

(In Rs. crores)

(d) The details are as under:

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total	2014-15
(3 years)					
2011-14					
No. of accidents at UMLCs	54	53	47	154	42
No. of persons died	204	124	99	427	114
No. of persons injured	141	85	118	344	81
Compensation paid	7.13	2.44	8.72	18.29	6.93
(in Lakhs)					

The compensation paid in a year need not necessarily relate to the accidents/casualties in that year alone. This amount depends upon the number of cases which are finalized in a particular year irrespective of the year(s) in which the accident they pertain to, have occurred. Furthermore, Railways have no statutory obligation under the Railways Act, 1989 or Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987, for payment of compensation in case of accidents at unmanned or manned level crossings. However, compensation in such accidents is paid by the Railways after the claims are decided by Civil Courts/Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals if Railways is held responsible for contributory negligence on their part.

(e) It is the endeavor of Railways to eliminate all unmanned level crossings by Manning/ Closure / Merger and Provision of Subways/ RUBs based on the availability of funds. Besides this other measure taken are # Provision of basic infrastructure on all unmanned level crossing # Periodic inspection of such crossings to ensure the above # Education of road users through Social awareness campaigns with the use of print and electronic media # SMS campaigns to create awareness amongst road users.