

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1284
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014
RAILWAY CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of level crossings that exist all over the country at present;
- (b) whether the Railways have previously removed any level crossings and if so, the number of crossings that have been removed in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation of India has been instrumental in the identification and removal of level crossings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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. 1284 BY SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY AND DR. SHASHI THAROOR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY CROSSINGS

- (a): At present, there are 30348 level crossings on Indian Railways across the country. Out of these, 18785 are manned and 11563 are unmanned level crossings.
- (b): The number of level crossings that have been removed on Indian Railways in the last five years, year-wise, including the current year, are as follows:

S.N.	Year	Number of Level crossings removed
1	2009-10	633
2	2010-11	933
3	2011-12	706
4	2012-13	957
5	2013-14	1078
6	2014-15	485
	(upto Oct' 2014)	
	Total	4792

(c) & (d): These jobs are being done by respective Zonal Railways. Ministry of Railways have decided to progressively eliminate all level crossings by either of the following methods based on the availability of funds:

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.

Provision of ROB's - Busy manned level crossings having TVU more than 1 lakh are being replaced by ROB's on cost sharing basis.