

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2380
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2014
RAILWAY SAFETY
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have commissioned any research regarding the best way of addressing the problem of minimizing the impact of train horn noise on the residents living close to railway line and the impact of reduced train horn use on railway safety;
- (b) if so, the outcome of the research; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways for introduction of a night time quiet period when trains no longer routinely sound their horns at whistle boards in order to solve the noise problem for line-side residents?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380 BY SHRI HUKUM SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY

(a) Keeping in view the safety, the intensity of locomotive horn has been kept to give warning to public/living beings approaching railway tracks. The sound intensity of horn adopted on Indian Railways is in line with the International Standards. Reducing the sound intensity may have an adverse impact on warning the living beings approaching the track from the sides and thus, may aggravate the cases of accidents. As such, no research is undertaken to reduce the intensity of horn at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping safety implications in view, there is no move to introduce a night time quiet period when trains would not sound their horns at whistle boards.