

1	2	3	4	5	6
2007-08	Southern	Tamil Nadu	1	11	11
	North Eastern	Uttar Pradesh	1	3	9
TOTAL			2	14	20
2008-09	South East	Maharashtra	1	0	6
(Upto Central					
13.02.09)	Northern	Punjab	1	3	13
TOTAL			2	3	19

(b) No such percentage is targeted. However, as on 01.01.2009, out of approximately 17,580 Nos. unmanned level crossings on Indian Railways, 1286 Nos. qualify criteria for manning. All these are likely to be manned in next five years.

(c) Trials to give audio visual warning to road users providing Train Actuated Warning Device at gates have been done in recent past. But, these trials have not been found successful. It has been decided recently to conduct experimental trials of radio based Gate Warning System on Northern Railway.

#### **Change in name of Nanded station**

688. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the name of Nanded railway station in Maharashtra has been changed as Hazoor Saheb Nanded;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) if not, how long it would take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Instructions have since been issued for renaming of 'Nanded' railway station as 'Hazur Sahib Nanded' railway station.

#### **Ticket booking service in rural areas**

†689. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced railway ticket booking service in rural areas also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any provision under said scheme to provide agencies to the unemployed youths of rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A scheme to appoint Gramin Ticket Booking Sewaks (GTBSs) at roadside stations excluding contractor-operated halts, where the ticket booking arrangements was not satisfactory, was launched on East Central Railway in the year 2006. At present, the scheme of GTBS is operative at 13 stations only.

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