

have declined from 335 in 2001-02 to 269 in 2002-03, 239 in 2003-04, 169 in 2004-05, 169 in 2005-06, 123 in 2006-07, 129 in 2007-08, 115 in 2008-09, 100 in 2009-10 and further to 93 in 2010-11, registering a decline of 7% in comparison to the previous year. In the current year during April to 15th November 2011 also, number of these consequential train accidents have come down from 62 to 48 in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year. The above figures do not include incidents of trespassing at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road vehicle users.

(d) Does not arise.

High density routes

582. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of high density routes in entire railway network; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to improve the carrying capacity of the congested sections on these routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) There are 7 High Density routes on the Indian Railway network which are Delhi – Howrah, Delhi – Mumbai, Mumbai – Howrah, Howrah – Chennai, Mumbai – Chennai, Delhi – Guwahati and Delhi – Chennai.

(b) Railways are undertaking a large number of capacity augmentation works such as doubling, new lines, gauge conversion, construction of 3rd and 4m lines, provision of automatic signalling, upgradation of station signals, provision of loop lines, conversion of halt to crossing stations, provision of Intermediate block signalling, electrification, strengthening of tracks, yard remodelling, construction of fly-overs and bye-pass lines to ease congestion on the network especially on the High Density routes.

Security arrangements at Railway Stations

583. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the aftermath of terrorist attack on 26th November, 2008 at Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal (CST) station, it was decided to strengthen security at railway stations to check recurrence of such terrorist attacks;
- (b) if so, measures taken to strengthen security and vigil at railway stations;
- (c) whether entry and exit points at stations are unmanned and there is no check on ingress and egress of unauthorised vendors, etc.; and
- (d) whether CAG conducted a sample check of 74 stations to ascertain measures taken by Railways to strengthen security at railway stations and if so, the findings thereof?