

(c) and (d) It has emerged from the study of pattern of accidents that manning of unmanned level crossings is not an ideal solution. Therefore, the policy of manning of unmanned level crossings has been reviewed and Hon'ble Minister of Railways (MR) has announced in Budget Speech for elimination of all unmanned level crossings.

Accordingly, Railways have decided to progressively eliminate all unmanned level crossings by:

- (i) **Closure** - Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVU).
- (ii) **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.
- (iii) **Provision of Subways/RUBs.**
- (iv) **Manning** - The unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means will be progressively manned based on rail-road traffic volume, visibility conditions.

#### **Earning by railways**

1687. SHRI T. M SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have earned Rs. 18017.12 crore during April to October, 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the said earning was 1.1 per cent less than the budgeted provision; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Sir, Railways have earned Rs. 67,879.95 crore during the period *w.e.f.* April to October, 2012 as detailed below:

(Rs. in crore)

Category of Earning	Actual Earning to end of October, 2012
Passenger	17,691.43
Other Coaching	1,708.04
Goods	46,805.48
Sundry	1,675.00
<b>TOTAL EARNING :</b>	<b>67,879.95</b>

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The earning was 3.23% less than the budgeted provision during the said period as detailed below:

(Rs. in crore)

Category of Earning	Budget Proportion to end of October, 2012	Actual Earning to end of October, 2012	Variation	
			Amount	%age
Passenger	18,196.46	17,691.43	-505.03	-2.78%
Other Coaching	1,690.74	1,708.04	17.30	1.02%
Goods	48,580.09	46,805.48	-1,774.61	-3.65%
Sundry	1,680.45	1,675.00	-5.45	-0.32%
<b>TOTAL EARNING :</b>	<b>70,147.74</b>	<b>67,879.95</b>	<b>-2,267.79</b>	<b>-3.23%</b>

#### Funds requirement of railways

1688. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways need at least Rs.10 lakh crore to enhance its safety measures and another Rs.1.25 lakh crore to complete 129 key projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have decided to buy high-speed trains, which can run up to 200 kilometre per hour, at the cost of Rs.550 crore per train; and