

- (d) whether Government does not feel that this would act as a shock to poor people who are already facing price rise;
- (e) the percentage of hike by Railways with regard to this service; and
- (f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (f) The catering charges of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains were last revised on 27.05.1999 and the catering charges for standard meals, breakfast, beverages and Janta meals were last revised on 30.04.2003. Further, a new menu and tariff of 97 a-la-carte items have been notified by zonal railways in October, 2012. The rates of these items have been fixed based on prices of raw material, overhead costs such as fuel, manpower, electricity and water charges etc. The percentage of hike for these items varies from an average of 10% to 50% as compared to the tariff of a-la-carte items notified earlier. In some of the items, the rates have been reduced also. Standard meal items are still available as per old rates without any revision. A-la-carte items are optional.

Deaths at unmanned railway crossings

2462. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths in Odisha, both human and animals, at unmanned railway crossings during last three years, *i.e.*, 2010, 2011 and 2012 till date, with their locations; and
- (b) the details of measures taken by Railways to stop such loss of lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Number of persons who lost their lives in consequential incident at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road vehicle users in the State of Odisha during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and the current year from April to October, 2012, and the locations of such incidents are given below:

Year	No of persons who lost their lives	Locations/Section/Block Section
1	2	3
2009-10	01	Between Rengali and Sasan stations on Jharsuguda -Titlagarh section of Sambalpur Division

1	2	3
2010-11	Nil	—
2011-12	04	2 persons lost their lives in incident between Kantabanji and Muribahal stations of Vijaynagaram -Titlagarh section of Sambalpur Division; 2 persons lost their lives in incident between Jarapada and Boinda stations of Angul - Sambalpur section of Sambalpur Division.
2012-13 (April to October, 2012)	15	1 person lost his life in incident between Maneswar and Hatibari station of Sambalpur-Angul section of Sambalpur Division; 14 persons lost their lives in incident between Sambalpur City and Maneswar stations of Angul -Sambalpur section of Sambalpur Division.

As per records, death of animas at unmanned level crossing during 2010 and 2011 is Nil. However, death of 18 cows has been reported in the current year during April to October, 2012 between Charbatia and Gurdijhitia stations.

(b) Various steps have been taken by the railways to prevent incidents at unmanned level crossings which include ensuring availability of basic infrastructure at these level crossings, public awareness and publicity campaigns through electronic and print media, mass messaging (SMSs) to educate the road users, joint ambush checks with involvement of civil authorities to penalise the erring road users, progressive manning, provision of subway at technically feasible locations, construction of diversion road upto adjacent manned gates/grade separator (ROB/RUB), closure of such unmanned level crossings which are having negligible rail/road traffic, etc.

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2463. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of students admitted by GM, Northern Railway, during