

Construction of walls on sides of railway tracks

†289. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a plan to construct a 5-6 feet high wall on both sides of the railway tracks in 100 kilometre periphery of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard;
- (c) the total expenditure estimated to be incurred thereon and whether Railways have mobilised this fund so that deaths that occur while crossing tracks may be checked;
- (d) the number of persons killed in Delhi region while crossing railway tracks during the past three years; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Construction of walls are planned on specific requirements to prevent encroachments. On Delhi-Palwal section approximately 13.96 kilometres of boundary wall has been constructed. There is no plan for construction of boundary wall on long stretches along the track in Delhi area specifically to prevent trespassing.

(d) and (e)

Year	2010	2011	2012 (upto September)
Number	545	401	411

Effect of vacant posts on functioning of Railways

†290. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of different posts are lying vacant in Railways and the present officials have to bear extra burden of work, because of which they are under pressure;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.