

- (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.

Elimination of all these Level Crossings is a gigantic task and involves lot of manpower, resources and budgetary support. It is a continuous process and is done as per need, inter-se priority of works, availability of funds and co-operation of State Government, particularly, in getting consent of closure of level crossing and undertaking to maintain road and drainage in future for subways.

Onboard housekeeping service

2282. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have any plan to start Onboard House Keeping Service in all Mail/Express trains; and
- (b) the number of Mail/Express trains presently covered under this Service; train-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) **On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS)** scheme is prescribed in the trains meeting laid down criterion such as nature of train service, journey time/period, pattern of maintenance etc. The scheme has so far been implemented in around 385 trains. Presently, this service is being provided in 23 Rajdhani, 21 Shatabdi, 27 Duronto & 314 other identified long distance Mail/Express trains for frequent cleaning of coach toilets, doorways, aisles & passenger compartments during the run of the trains. Other important trains as identified by Zonal Railways are also planned for provision of OBHS.