

The year -wise and corridor-wise expenditure on disbursement of compensation and assistance for land acquisition is given below:-

(Figures Rupees in crore)

Year	Eastern DFC	Western DFC
2009-10 and 2010-11	39	725
2011-12	206	218
2012-13	1325	733
2013-14 (upto January 2014)	315	869
GRAND TOTAL	1885	2545

(c) Western DFC is targeted to be commissioned in 2018 and Eastern DFC in 2019.

Unmanned railway crossings in Assam

1820. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of unmanned railway crossings in Assam at present;

(b) the number of accidents, major/minor, reported at these crossings during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make these railway crossings manned to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are 230 Nos. of unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) existing as on 31.12.2013 in Assam.

(b) The number of consequential train accidents at UMLCs in the state of Assam during the last three years and current year (upto Jan, 14) is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of accidents at UMLCs
1.	2010-11	NIL
2.	2011-12	3
3.	2012-13	2
4.	2013-14 (upto Jan. 2014)	1

(c) It has emerged from the study of pattern of accidents that manning of unmanned level crossings is not an ideal solution for avoiding accidents. Therefore, the policy of manning of unmanned level crossings has been reviewed. Accordingly, Railways have decided to progressively eliminate all unmanned level crossings by:-

- * **Closure** - Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVC).
- * **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.
- * **Provision of Subways/RUBs** -
- * **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.