Written Answers to				[11 March, 2016]			Unstarred Questions 305		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SR	1	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	0
SCR	1	4	6	2	20	18	0	0	0
SER	4	7	3	2	5	1	2	4	6
SECR	1	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
SWR	2	3	2	5	6	2	2	6	4
WR	2	2	0	6	8	5	1	1	0
WCR	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Total	51	104	118	56	161	106	32	65	48

(c) and (d) As on 01.04.2015, 12,560 manned level crossings out of total 19,047 manned level crossings all over Indian Railways, qualify for mechanisation (interlocking). Out of these 12,560 manned level crossings, 10,301 manned level crossings are mechanised (interlocked).

In last two years (2013-15) and the current year (upto January, 2016) 871 level crossings have been mechanised (interlocked).

Funds for Road Safety Works (ROB/RUB/Level Crossing) come from Central Road Fund (CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Petrol and Diesel by Ministry of Finance. Due to limited availability of resources and huge throwforward (₹ 31,700 crore) for already sanctioned work, progress and completion of the works depends upon the overall availability of funds for these works.

## E-tendering portal

1745. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have launched e-tendering portal to bring transparency in the execution of work contracts and make it cost-effective for the bidders; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have launched e-tendering portal, 'Indian Railways e-procurement system (IREPS)' for works contracts on 1st February, 2016. Directives have also been issued by the Ministry that with effect from April, 2016 all works tenders are dealt through e-tendering module.