

(d) Completion of projects depends on many factors such as land acquisition, forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies, law and order situation etc. in addition to availability of funds. As many of these factors are not within the control of Railways, it is not feasible to fix timelines for all the projects. However, Railways have taken various measures to expedite completion of projects including substantial increase in allocation of funds, prioritization of projects, delegation of powers at field level, inviting the State Governments to participate with Railways for resource mobilization for projects, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.

Deaths of animals in train accidents

1574. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of wild and other animals, especially elephants, that get killed in train accidents, has increased enormously;
- (b) if so, the details of such animals killed during the last three years;
- (c) whether officials of both Railways and Environment Ministries have worked out some effective action plan to control this loss;
- (d) the status of this loss under the North East Frontier Railway in the country; and
- (e) how far has it been controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The numbers of wild animals and elephants killed under train accidents are as under:

Year	Total Nos. of wild animals killed		Total Nos. of elephants killed out of total wild animals	
	On Indian Railway	On North-east Frontier Railway	On Indian Railway	On North-east Frontier Railway
2013	26	19	26	19
2014	9	5	5	5
2015	15	9	10	9
2016	0	0	0	0
(upto March)				

The measures worked out by Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest include imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations, provision of signage board, sensitization of train crew and station masters on a regular basis, Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land, Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations and provision of fencing at isolated locations. The above measures have helped in controlling death of wild animals.

Trains announced during Railway Budgets

1575. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new trains announced during the last four Railway Budgets and not introduced so far;
- (b) the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when the same are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The detailed status of new trains announced during the last four Railway Budgets viz. 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Number of introduction announced (A)	Number of introduction implemented (B)	Pending Introduction (A-B)
1.	2012-13	113	110	3
2.	2013-14	126	123	3
3.	2014-15	138	121	17
4.	2015-16	Nil	-	-

Some trains announced in the Railway Budgets 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are pending introduction owing to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion of concerned sections, non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety, etc. No definite dates for their introduction can be indicated as works are in progress.