

Sl. No.	Name of Station	Zonal Railway	State	Category
5.	Banaswadi	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
6.	Bhadravathi	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
7.	Birur	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
8.	Gadag	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
9.	Harihar	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
10.	Hassan	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
11.	Haveri	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
12.	Koppal	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
13.	Londa	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
14.	Mandya	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
15.	Tornagallu	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
16.	Tumkur	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B
17.	Yelahanka	South Western Railway	Karnataka	B

Decline in accidents at unmanned level crossings

1435. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of train accidents as well as casualties at unmanned level crossings have come down during the last five years;

(b) whether as many as 6,169 unmanned level crossings have been eliminated during the last five years;

(c) whether as on April, 2017, the total number of unmanned level crossings under broadgauge were 4,943 and Railways intend to remove them in three years;

(d) whether Railways have set the target of elimination of 1,500 unmanned level crossings in 2017-18, 1500 in 2018-19 and 1943 in 2019-20; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. During the last five years *i.e.* from 2012-13 to 2016-17, the number of accidents and casualties at unmanned level crossings on Indian Railways has reduced significantly. Year-wise details regarding the number of consequential train accidents and casualties at unmanned level crossings during the last five years are as follows:—

Year	Number of consequential accidents at unmanned level crossings during the year	Number of casualties (killed and injured) at unmanned level crossings during the year
2012-13	53	204
2013-14	47	214
2014-15	50	215
2015-16	29	99
2016-17	20	59

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Out of a target of elimination of 1500 unmanned level crossings, 651 have been eliminated during the current year 2017-18 (upto November, 2017).

Train between Thiruvananthapuram and Bengaluru

1436. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launching of a new train between Thiruvananthapuram and Bengaluru, declared in 2014 railway budget, is pending ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Introduction of Thiruvananthapuram-Bengaluru (Yesvantpur) Premium Express had been announced in Railway Budget 2014-15. As of now, the train has not been introduced, as premium services (now re-christened as Suvidha) were announced not as regular services but as services to meet the demand surges which manifest themselves on special occasions.

Mechanized cleaning system at railway stations

1437. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to use a state-of-the-art mechanized cleaning system at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said system will now be used for comprehensive cleaning of all platforms, circulating areas and foot over bridges in the station premises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?