

- standardization of drawings for various spans to avoid delay in designing.
- nomination of nodal officer for each State for single window clearance of GAD from Railway side.
- use of pre-cast/pre-fabricated components of the bridge.
- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to eliminate all level crossings on National Highway Corridors by MoRTH by construction of ROBs/RUBs at their own cost.

(d) The number of sanctioned and operational ROBs/RUBs/Subways in Karnataka and their present status is as under:

ROBs		RUBs	
Sanctioned	Operational	Sanctioned	Operational
63	164	100	498

As per Pink Book 2017-18, work for construction of 163 Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges/Subways have been sanctioned in the State of Karnataka. Out of these, 18 ROBs and 42 RUBs/Subways have been completed and commissioned.

(e) As regards status of these works, Railways undertakes construction of ROBs in Railway Bridge portion whereas approaches are being constructed by State Government. Completion of ROB depends on various factors like removal of encroachment, land acquisition, availability of funds and other regional priorities. Apart from this, major portion of fund for Road Safety Works (ROBs/RUBs/Subways/Level Crossings) come from Central Road Funds (CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Diesel and Petrol by Ministry of Finance. The progress of works is commensurate with the availability of funds. Railways shall make every effort to complete its portion of work alongwith that of approaches by State Government.

Issuance of passenger reservation tickets through post offices

153. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started issuing passenger reservation tickets through post offices across the country under PRS of Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details of the post offices in which passenger reservation tickets are being issued as on date, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to bring more post offices under PRS of Indian Railways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) Indian Railways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Posts for setting up of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters at Post Offices. PRS counters at Post offices are opened based on technical and commercial feasibility where there are no Railway Reservation Counters in nearby areas. At present, PRS counters have been provided in about 280 post offices across the country. The State wise number of the Post Offices in which Passenger Reservation System counters are available is given in Statement (*See below*).

Online booking of reserved tickets on www.irctc.co.in has become very popular and about 65% of total reserved tickets are now booked online. The provision of PRS at post offices is a continuous activity based on the requirement and feasibility.

Statement

State-wise PRS commissioned at post offices as per data warehouse

Sl. No.	States	No.	Sl. No.	States	No.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	24	17.	Manipur	02
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	03	18.	Meghalaya	02
3.	Assam	10	19.	Mizoram	01
4.	Bihar	07	20.	Nagaland	00
5.	Chhatisgarh	07	21.	Odisha	11
6.	Delhi	03	22.	Puducherry	00
7.	Goa	01	23.	Punjab	12
8.	Gujarat	18	24.	Rajasthan	7
9.	Haryana	03	25.	Sikkim	00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	00	26.	Tamil Nadu	15
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	02	27.	Telangana	24
12.	Jharkhand	09	28.	Tripura	00
13.	Karnataka	44	29.	Uttar Pradesh	23
14.	Kerala	04	30.	Uttarakhand	08
15.	Madhya Pradesh	06	31.	West Bengal	03
16.	Maharashtra	36			