

land in Kurseong, Kalimpong and Darjeeling Divisions in West Bengal could not be finalized for want of mandatory clearances. No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) as per Forest Right Act 2006 in West Bengal is awaited. All types of land in Sikkim (3.51 km) and Revenue and Government land in West Bengal has been acquired.

(c) Regular meetings are held with Government of West Bengal and Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) authorities to resolve the pending issues amicably.

Scheme for building bridges at unmanned level crossings

4636. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) in the country, Zone-wise;

(b) the number of deaths that took place at these, UMLCs during the last three years;

(c) whether Government had earlier finalized a scheme for building bridges at railway crossings; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Zone-wise number of unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) as on 01.04.2017 is as follows:

Sl. No.	Zonal Railway	Number of unmanned level crossings
1.	Central Railway	109
2.	Eastern Railway	5
3.	East Central Railway	684
4.	East Coast Railway	185
5.	Northern Railway	824
6.	North Central Railway	327
7.	North Eastern Railway	728
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	448

Sl. No.	Zonal Railway	Number of unmanned level crossings
9.	North Western Railway	796
10.	Southern Railway	451
11.	South Central Railway	331
12.	South Eastern Railway	361
13.	South East Central Railway	278
14.	South Western Railway	267
15.	Western Railway	1907
16.	West Central Railway	0
TOTAL		7701

(b) The number of deaths in accidents on UMLCs during the last three years (2015-2018) is as follows:

Year	Number of consequential accidents at UMLCs	Number of deaths
2015-16	29	58
2016-17	20	40
2017-18	10	26
TOTAL	59	124

(c) and (d) It has been decided to eliminate all Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) route in next 2 years by either of the following methods:

- Closure - Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVU).
- Merger - Merger of unmanned level crossing to nearby manned or unmanned gates or subway/Road Under Bridge (RUB) 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.

During the last 3 years (2015-18), 4321 UMLCs have been eliminated.