

Construction of RoBs at railway crossings

†*152. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, in view of several recent train accidents, has decided to build Road Over Bridges (ROBs) across railway crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision to start construction of ROBs at (i) Western Gumti of Karpurigram on Muzaffarpur-Samastipur rail section, (ii) railway crossing in Muktapur on Darbhanga-Samastipur rail section and (iii) southern railway crossing in Darbhanga has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Road over Bridges (RoBs) are being constructed in lieu of Level Crossings (LCs) which are properly guarded by man. The main reason for replacement of these level crossings by RoBs is to avoid detention of road as well as rail traffic. Road Over Bridges are being built only at those manned level crossings, where Train Vehicle Unit (TVU – A number arrived at by multiplying the number of train units and road vehicle units passed in 24 hours) is more than one lakh subject to the consent of cost sharing and closure of LC on completion of RoB from the State Government. Therefore, train accidents have no relation with construction of Road over Bridges across Railway crossings.

(c) and (d) Details of construction of RoBs at various locations are as under:—

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Comments
1.	Construction of RoB at Western Railway crossing of Karpurigram of Muzaffarpur-Samastipur rail section.	All these Road over Bridges are sanctioned on cost sharing basis. Consent for cost sharing has been obtained from State Government. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) is under various stage of preparation/approval. Effort is being made to expeditiously start the work in consultation with State Government.
2.	Construction of RoB at Muktapur on Darbhanga-Samastipur section.	
3.	Construction of RoB at south Railway crossing in Darbhanga.	

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