

Unmanned level crossings

738. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to stop accidents in the unmanned level crossings;

(b) if so, the total number of unmanned level crossings in the country and number of accidents that have occurred at unmanned level crossings since 2014, year-wise;

(c) the action that has been taken to remove unmanned level crossings during the last five years, State-wise;

(d) the reasons why there is vacancy of staff in the unmanned railway crossings till date; and

(e) the details of action taken along with flyovers constructed and budget sanctioned for flyovers since 2014 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Indian Railways (IR) have taken proactive measures to ensure safety and prevent accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) in the form of elimination through closure/merger/grade separator/manning etc. on Broad Gauge (BG) network in a mission mode. As on date, there are no UMLCs on BG network on IR. Railway zone-wise details of accidents occurred at UMLCs since 2014-15 to 2018-19 (upto 31st January, 2019) are as below which shows that accidents at UMLCs have reduced significantly:-

Zonal Railway	Number of Accidents				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto 31.01.2019)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Central	0	0	0	0	0
East Coast	2	0	0	0	0
East Central	5	0	4	2	1
Eastern	0	0	1	0	0
North Central	1	1	1	2	0
North Eastern	6	5	2	1	1
Northeast Frontier	0	2	3	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Northern	9	9	4	3	0
North Western	8	7	2	1	0
South Central	2	0	0	0	0
South East Central	1	0	0	0	0
South Eastern	2	2	1	0	0
Southern	2	0	0	0	0
South Western	5	1	2	0	0
West Central	1	0	0	0	0
Western	6	2	0	1	0
Konkan Railway Corporation	0	0	0	0	0
Metro	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	29	20	10	3

(c) State-wise details of elimination of unmanned level crossings during the last five years is as given below:—

State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto 31.01.2019)
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	70	119	103	171
Assam	35	84	69	72
Bihar	44	76	66	535
Chhattisgarh	28	17	12	3
Delhi	0	0	0	1
Gujarat	67	80	154	635
Haryana	43	68	44	48
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2	0
Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0	1
Jharkhand	40	66	82	34
Karnataka	88	46	75	179
Kerala	2	1	7	0
Madhya Pradesh	63	40	43	2

1	2	3	4	5
Maharashtra	75	66	37	39
Odisha	134	151	95	125
Puducherry	0	0	0	2
Punjab	41	60	107	228
Rajasthan	75	90	160	312
Tamil Nadu	96	123	152	184
Telangana	35	34	29	9
Tripura	8	0	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	170	214	200	729
Uttarakhand	6	9	13	23
West Bengal	133	159	115	147
TOTAL	1253	1503	1565	3479

As on date, there are no unmanned level crossings on BG network on IR.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) are constructed under Plan Head 30. The detail of ROBs and RUBs constructed and fund allotted for them since 2014 are as follows:—

Year	ROBs/RUBs constructed	Budget allocated (₹ in crore)
2014-15	1108	1740
2015-16	1024	2144
2016-17	1354	3066
2017-18	1395	4000
2018-19 (upto December, 2018)	904	4637

Escalation of project cost due to delay

†739. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to delay in timely completion of railway projects, cost of projects is increasing;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.