

Year	Number of unscrupulous hawkers and unauthorised vendors booked under Section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989
2014	180535
2015	192762
2016	231393
2017	232526
2018	208815

(b) Railway is taking proactive steps in identifying and removing all the temporary as well as permanent encroachments, which may include unauthorized kitchens also, in and around Stations as well as on railway tracks. Soft encroachments which are of temporary nature in the shape of jhuggies, jhopries and squatters, are removed in consultation and with the assistance of Railway Protection Force, Police and local civil authorities. For hard encroachments, where party is not amenable to persuasion, action is taken under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971.

#### Upgradation of Gomti Nagar railway station

894. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether upgradation work of Gomti Nagar railway station in Lucknow is in progress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the targeted timeline for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Contract for redevelopment of Gomti Nagar Railway Station has been awarded and targeted for completion by 2021.

#### Wi-fi facility in trains

895. DR. SASIKALAPUSHPARAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide wi-fi facilities in moving trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also proposes to install CCTV cameras in all coaches in long distance trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Railways, as a pilot project, had provided Wi-Fi based internet facility in Howrah Rajdhani train through Satellite communication technology. This technology was capital intensive with recurring cost in the form of bandwidth charges and thus was not cost effective. Also, the internet bandwidth availability to passengers was inadequate. Hence, the project was dropped. Presently, Wi-Fi based internet facility for moving trains for providing reliable, cost effective and adequate internet bandwidth (~2Mbps per user) is presently not available.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have taken steps to install CCTV cameras in all coaches of Premium, Mail, Express and Suburban trains. CCTV cameras in 7020 coaches of such trains have been planned during Phase-I.

#### **Unmanned level crossings**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of several steps taken by Railways thousands of unmanned railway level crossings remained as it is;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering to take further steps to eliminate unmanned railway level crossings on a timebound basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) All unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (bg) have been eliminated on 31st Jan 2019. As per extant policy, the UMLCs on Meter Gauge (348 Nos.) and Narrow Gauge (700 Nos.) will be eliminated during Gauge conversion.

#### **Addition of coaches in trains**

897. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to increase the capacity of all trains by providing

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