

railway premises) Rules, 2012 has been intensified.

- Use of CCTV is made at 345 stations to monitor cleanliness.
- More than 2,00,000 bio-toilets have been installed in around 55,000 coaches covering about 90% fleet to prevent open discharge of human waste from coaches on tracks.

(b) and (c) Following efforts are made by the Railways to spread awareness about cleanliness among railway passengers:

- Publicity / awareness campaigns through display of posters, banners, distribution of leaflets, printing of slogans in tickets, reservation slips, tender notices etc.
- Announcements over the Public Announcement system.
- Improving awareness on proper use and Do's /Don'ts of bio-toilets through stickers/ posters, announcements, displaying of models etc.
- Involvement of scouts and guides, Social / Charitable organisations and other NGOs in cleanliness campaigns.
- Arranging ' Nukkad Nataks' (street plays) on cleanliness theme in station vicinity.
- "Swachhta-Hi-Sewa" campaign had a major component of involving passengers. These awareness programmes are of continuing nature, and are undertaken by Divisions/Zonal Railways from time-to-time.

Elimination of unmanned level crossings

913. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey, in the recent past, to identify the number of unmanned level crossings in various railway junctions in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unmanned level crossings that have been closed or made inoperative or made manned level crossings to stop the increasing number of railway accidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) All unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated on 31st Jan 2019. The UMLCs on Meter Gauge (348 Nos.) and Narrow Gauge (700 Nos.) will be eliminated during Gauge conversion.

(c) Year-wise elimination of UMLCs (by closure, merger, subway and manning) during the last three years is as follows:

Year	No. of UMLCs eliminated
2016-17	1503
2017-18	1565
2018-19	3479
TOTAL	6547

Presently there are no unmanned level crossings on BG routes.

Execution of work of linking Northeast States under PPP mode

914. SHRIMATI JHARNADAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to connect all the capitals of Northeast States by rail;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this is proposed to be executed under PPP mode, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time-frame within which it is proposed to be initiated and completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) As per Vision Document 2020, Government has planned to connect all State Capitals of North Eastern States by 2020 except Sikkim in which case, new line work has been sanctioned up to Rangpo in first phase. The capitals of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura States have been connected by Broad Gauge (BG) rail network.

Great emphasis has been given by Central Government during last 5 years towards quick execution of infrastructure and safety projects and funding to the infrastructure projects has increased considerably. The average annual expenditure in New Line / Gauge Conversion / Doubling infrastructure projects during 2014-19 was ₹25,894 crore per year as