

Year	No. of elephants run down by trains
2015	10
2016	19
2017	15
2018	26
2019	10

(c) and (d) A number of preventive measures are taken by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest which have resulted in saving of elephants. The preventive measures undertaken include the following:—

- (i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,
- (ii) Provision of signage board,
- (iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,
- (iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,
- (v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations,
- (vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations,
- (vii) Forest Department staff deputed in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway and elephant trackers engaged by Forest Department for timely action by alerting station master and loco pilots,
- (viii) Installation of Honey bee sound systems at locations, which are prone to crossing of elephants.

**Protests against formation of a United Indian Railways  
Management Service**

‡759. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many senior officers of Railways are against the decision of Government to form an 'Indian Railway Management Service';

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(b) whether it is a fact that these officers have also given a memorandum to Minister of Railways in this regard, details along with a copy thereof;

(c) whether Government considers to include the suggestions of the officers in the process of cadre merger, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that officers will be affected by the merger of eight services of Railways, if so, the number of officers affected by this?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Majority of officers have supported the formation of Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS). However, officers of Indian Railway Traffic Service, Indian Railway Personnel Service and Indian Railway Accounts Service have submitted their suggestions, which will be kept in view while finalizing the modalities of IRMS. The modalities of IRMS will be finalized in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training and approval of Alternate Mechanism.

(d) Merger of 8 organized Group 'A' services having 8401 sanctioned posts has been approved.

**Status of entertainment screens in  
Tejas express trains**

†760. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent entertainment boards installed in executive coach of Tejas Express, the second private train of India are not working;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to change the onboard entertainment screens into the airplane standard screen, along with the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to refund the fare to the passengers who are not availing the facility of entertainment board and to also give them concession in the fare of next booking?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

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