

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

1571. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government has identified Unmanned Level Crossings (ULCs) in the country;**
- (b) if so, the total number of ULCs, State-wise;**
- (c) the time frame set by the Government to prevent train accidents at ULCs; and**
- (d) the details of security and safety measures taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571 BY SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

(a): Yes, Madam. As on 01.04.2018, there were 5792 unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) out of which 3479 were on Broad Gauge (BG), 1135 on Meter Gauge (MG) and 1178 on Narrow Gauge (NG). All level crossings on BG (3479) have been identified for elimination.

(b) & (c): As per Section 131 of Motor Vehicles Act and Section 161 of The Railways Act, the onus for safe movement over UMLC has been put entirely on the road users. However, in view of the loss of human life at UMLCs, Railways have taken proactive measures to eliminate them on Broad Gauge (BG) route through closure/merger/grade-separator/manning. All UMLCs on BG have now been eliminated except 28 UMLCs (27 in Rajasthan and 1 in Uttar Pradesh) which have also been planned to be eliminated on priority.

(d): Indian Railways have taken the following proactive measures to ensure the safety and security at unmanned level crossings:

- (i) SMS-based campaigns to create awareness amongst road users.**
- (ii) Social awareness campaigns to educate road users with the use of various print and electronic media for observance of safe practices prescribed in Motor Vehicles Act and The Railways Act.**
- (iii) Public awareness campaigns at different places like villages, Gram Panchayat, weekly market, bus stands, schools and other public places.**
- (iv) Nukkad Nataks organized at public places with theme "Safety at Level Crossings".**
- (v) Drives to ensure availability of basic infrastructure at unmanned level crossings including whistle boards, road warning boards, speed breakers, visibility etc. as per the laid down standards.**

(vi) Periodic inspection of such crossings by Railway officials to ensure the above and for taking corrective actions, if any.

(vii) Level crossing awareness week is organized each year by the Zonal Railways, which also includes the 'International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD)'.

(viii) Joint awareness and safety campaigns are being done with State Police Departments and RTO officials to ensure safety measures and observance of rules by road users to prevent accidents at UMLCs.

(ix) In addition, to ensure safety, all unmanned level crossings have been provided with Gate Mitra to counsel/warn the road users for observance of safe practices while negotiating the unmanned level crossings.
