

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 40
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

40 # SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) in the country;
- (b) the number of accidents that have taken place at these UMLCs during the last three years, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by Government with regard to these UMLCs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 40 BY SHRI NARAIAN DASS GUPTA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING ACCIDENTS AT UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

(a) to (c): All Unmanned level crossing (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019. Only 751 UMLCs on Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) sections exist on Indian Railways, which are planned for elimination during Gauge conversion of those sections. Indian Railways maintain only zone-wise data of accidents. The number of consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last three years is 'Nil'.

The following steps have been taken by Indian Railways to reduce rail accidents at UMLCs in the country:

- All Unmanned level crossing (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019
- Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on Narrow & Meter Gauge line are planned to be eliminated during Gauge Conversion (GC) of line/project.
- Level Crossings having high Rail/Road vehicular traffic are either manned or interlocked with signals for enhancing safety.
- Instructions and inspection drives are being launched from time to time to ensure availability of basic infrastructure at level crossings such as whistle boards, road, warning boards, speed breakers, etc.
- Further, public awareness campaigns/safety slogans are undertaken to create safety consciousness amongst road users for safe passage at level crossings.
