

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 328
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF DEATH OF RAILWAY GANGMEN

328. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of gangmen employed by Railways, zone-wise;
- (b) whether the incidents of railway gangmen getting run over by trains is on the increase;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the statistics of railway gangmen killed by running trains in the last three years, zone-wise;
- (e) the status of proposal pending with the railways to re-designate the gangmen as railway track maintainers, the details thereof;
- (f) whether there is any proposal to equip all the gangmen with a walkie-talkie to warn them about the oncoming trains; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 328 BY SHRI ABDUL WAHAB ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF DEATH OF RAILWAY GANGMEN

(a) : The number of Track Maintainers (erstwhile Gangmen) on Indian Railways, zone-wise, as on 01.02.2023 are as under:

Zonal Railway	On Roll
Central	14269
East Coast	8174
East Central	15299
Eastern	13791
Metro	64
North Central	11791
North Eastern	8434
Northeast Frontier	13835
Northern	19754
North Western	9291
South Central	15757
South East Central	9076
South Eastern	13027
Southern	12385
South Western	6590
West Central	10790
Western	14853
Total	197180

(b) to (d) :Number of Track Maintainers (erstwhile Gangmen) killed by running trains in last three years, zone-wise are as under:

Zonal Railway	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Central	10	3	2
East Coast	2	0	8
East Central	2	4	4
Eastern	10	2	3
Metro	0	0	0
North Central	4	1	6
North Eastern	2	2	1
Northeast Frontier	1	0	0
Northern	11	8	6
North Western	5	1	4
South Central	4	4	7
South East Central	5	3	5
South Eastern	1	4	3
Southern	4	5	3
South Western	0	1	4
West Central	2	3	4
Western	4	4	2
Total	67	45	62

(e) : The post of Gangman was designated as Trackman. Subsequently, the categories of Trackman/Gateman/Trolleyman/P.Way Watchmen/Keymen and Mates are operated as a unified cadre of Track Maintainer. Presently, there is no proposal for any further change in designation of Track Maintainers.

(f) and (g) : No, Sir. There is no proposal of providing walkie-talkie to individual Track Maintainer. However, a work of provision of Very High Frequency (VHF) based Approaching Train Warning System (RAKSHAK) for safety of Track Maintainers on Golden Quadrilateral-Golden Diagonal routes on Indian Railways costing ₹91.61 Crore has been sanctioned. The technology is in its nascent stage.
