

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3503
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

CATTLE FENCING ALONG RAILWAY LINES

3503 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to construct fencing along the Railway lines to make cattle barriers;
- (b) if so, the distance the Railways has put up between the proposed cattle barriers and the railway lines;
- (c) the number of incidents of cattle such over by the trains has been reported in the last two years; and
- (d) loss that has been incurred by the Railways by such accidents, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 3503 BY SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING CATTLE FENCING ALONG RAILWAY LINES

(a) Yes, Sir. Existing provisions stipulate fencing at vulnerable locations for speed above 110 kmph to 130 kmph and all along the track for speed above 130 kmph, as a minimum standard.

(b) Distance of fencing from centre line of nearest track is decided keeping in view the site conditions, requirement of service road for any maintenance/renewal works, keeping space for material loading/unloading, multi tracking works, level of trespassing and overall effectiveness of proposed fencing etc.

(c) Number of cattle run over incidents by the trains reported during last two years is as under:

Year	Number of cattle run over incidents by trains
2021	26181
2022	27489

(d) All electric and diesel locomotives are provided with cattle guard for protecting locomotives from the cattle hits. Hence, the quantum of financial loss i.e. amount spent on related damage/repair of such incidents is nominal.
