GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.606 ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER BRIDGES BY THE RAILWAY IN PUNJAB

606. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any project under the consideration of Government to build an under bridge on the Amritsar Delhi railway line passing near Sabhanpur in Kapurthala district and Kartarpur railway station in Jalandhar district, if so, by when the project will be started; and
- (b) the number of under bridges that have been constructed by the department in Punjab and the agency responsible for removing rain water and cleaning it?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

The work for construction of Road Under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level Crossing (LC) No. B2-56 at Km 446/73-25 on Jalandhar-Amritsar section near Kartarpur Railway Yard has been completed. The work of cover shed at approaches and sump well is in progress.

During period of 2014-2024, total 366 Nos. ROBs/RUBs (311 Nos. RUBs & 55 Nos. ROBs) have been constructed in the State of Punjab.

Generally, dewatering in subways is done by Railway. In some cases, dewatering is done by Road Owning Agency/State Authority as per mutual agreement.

Railways have taken several remedial measures to mitigate the problem of water logging in subways. Adequate drainage arrangement has been made as integral part of planning of new

Road Under Bridge (RUB)/Subways. In existing RUBs/subways remedial measures like water flow diversion to nearby bridge and nallahs/drains, provision of cover shed on approach roads, provision of hump at entry to Road under Bridge (RUB), provision of cross drains, sealing of joints etc. have been made as per feasibility, suitability and site requirements. In addition, pumping arrangement has also been made for identified RUBs, to drain out water expeditiously in case of emergency and provision to stop road traffic in exceptional/unusual rainfall situation for safety of road users.
