

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3658
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2016**

DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF ROB_s/RUB_s

**3658. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
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SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the construction of a large number of manned/unmanned level crossings, road over bridges and road under bridges has been delayed across the country during the last three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the present status of such crossings/bridges;**
- (c) whether the cost of construction of the said crossings/bridges has escalated due to delay in their construction during the said period and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;**
- (d) the number of such crossings/bridges of which cost has been shared by the concerned State or private player alongwith their status, zone-wise; and**
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure timely construction of such crossings/bridges in the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3658 BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, DR. SATYAPAL SINGH, SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE AND SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2016 REGARDING DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF ROBs/RUBs

(a) to (c): No new manned/unmanned level crossings are being constructed in view of safety consideration. Status of achievement of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges during the last three years and in the current year is as under:-

Year	Road Over Bridge	Road Under Bridge/Subways
2013-14	210	905
2014-15	185	923
2015-16	194	830
2016-17(upto October 2016)	70	499
Total	659	3157

The target being fixed is commensurate with the availability of funds. Funds for Road Safety Works (ROBs/ RUBs/ Subways/ Manned/ Unmanned Level Crossings) come from Central Road Funds (CRF) as a percentage of cess collected on Diesel and Petrol by Ministry of Finance. Due to limited availability of funds and huge throwforward of already sanctioned works, these works are progressing to the extent possible.

Some of other reasons for delay in progress of ROBs are:

- **late sanction of corresponding work in the State Budget,**
- **inadequate fund allocation by the State Government,**
- **non-availability of encumbrance free land for construction of approaches,**
- **construction of ROBs/RUBs requires speed restrictions. It is not possible to impose speed restriction at many locations simultaneously to carry out the construction of ROBs/RUBs.**

(d) Zone-wise sanctioned Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges on cost sharing basis with State Governments are as under:-

SN	Zonal Railway	Number of ROBs/RUBs
1	Central Railway	73
2	Eastern Railway	129
3	East Central Railway	180
4	East Coast Railway	32
5	Northern Railway	266
6	North Central Railway	154
7	North Eastern Railway	49
8	Northeast Frontier Railway	06
9	North Western Railway	84
10	Southern Railway	220
11	South Central Railway	103
12	South Eastern Railway	40
13	South East Central Railway	30
14	South Western Railway	78
15	Western Railway	163
16	West Central Railway	79
	TOTAL	1686

(e) Pro-active Measures Taken by Railways for Expeditious Construction of ROBs/RUBs:

Railways has taken pro-active measures in close coordination with various stakeholders to improve the progress of construction of ROBs/RUBs which are as under:

- **engaging single agency for construction of Railway Bridge as well as the approaches.**
- **joint survey with all concerned including State Government to finalise the tentative General Arrangement Drawing (GAD).**
- **circulation of check list and guidelines for preparation of GAD to State Government to avoid any back reference from Railway to State Government.**
- **standardization of drawings for various spans to avoid delay in designing.**
- **nomination of nodal officer for each State for single window clearance of GAD from Railway side.**
- **use of pre-cast/pre-fabricated components of the bridge.**
