

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

GATES AT RAILWAY CROSSINGS

†4217. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hundreds of people die in absence of gates at railway crossings in Maharashtra every year;**
- (b) if so, the total number of unmanned railway crossings in Maharashtra at present and the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has formulated any scheme to decrease the number of unmanned railway crossings in Maharashtra; and**
- (d) if so, the funds released for the purpose during the financial year 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the quantum of funds earmarked for this purpose?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 4217 BY SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2018 REGARDING GATES AT RAILWAY CROSSINGS

(a): The statistics of accidents in Indian Railways are maintained Zonal Railway wise. No consequential train accident has occurred on Unmanned Level Crossing gates during the years 2016-17 and the current year 2017-18 upto 28th February,2018 on Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway who have jurisdictions in the State of Maharashtra.

(b): As on 01.04.2017, there were 268 Unmanned Level Crossings in Maharashtra. Out of these, 25 have been eliminated upto February, 2018.

(c): The Unmanned Level Crossings on Broad Gauge are targeted for elimination by March, 2020. It is the endeavor of Railways to eliminate all Unmanned Level Crossings in a phased manner by either of the following:-

- Closure - Closing of Unmanned Level Crossings having NIL/ negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVU).**
- Merger - Merger of Unmanned Level Crossing gate to nearby Manned/ Unmanned Level Crossing or subway/ Road Under**

Bridge (RUB)/ Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of diversion road.

- **Provision of Subways/RUBs.**
- **Manning – Phased manning of Unmanned Level Crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means.**

(d): There are five Railway Zones in the State of Maharashtra namely Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway. The budget allotment for Plan Head 29 and 30 which deals with Level Crossing and Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge works including elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings for the above mentioned five Railway Zones, during the financial year 2016-17 and 2017-18 is ₹ 1086.39 crore and ₹ 1250.83 crore respectively.
