

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6010  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

**UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS**

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DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :**

- (a) the number of unmanned crossings in the country, zone-wise;**
- (b) the number of road-railways crossings (Level Crossings) without gates, zone-wise;**
- (c) the reasons behind the deaths at the level crossings; and**
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to control these deaths?**

**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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6010 BY SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR, DR. SANJAY JAISWAL AND ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.04.2018 REGARDING UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS**

**(a) & (b): Zone-wise number of unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) as on 01.04.2017 is as follows:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Number of unmanned level crossings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>684</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>824</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>327</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>North Eastern Railway</b>	<b>728</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>448</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>North Western Railway</b>	<b>796</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>451</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>South East Central Railway</b>	<b>278</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>1907</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>West Central Railway</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7701</b>

**(c): As per Section 131 of Motor Vehicle Act and Section 161 of Indian Railway Act, the onus for safe movement over UMLC has been put entirely on the road users, for which very stringent provisions have been enunciated in both the Acts. Accidents are taking place at Unmanned/Manned level crossings due to negligence of road users.**

**(d): It has been decided to eliminate all Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) route in next 2 years by either of the following methods:-**

- **Closure – Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle Unit (TVU).**
- **Merger – Merger of unmanned level crossing to nearby manned or unmanned gates or subway/Road Under Bridge (RUB)/Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of diversion road.**
- **Provision of Subways/RUBs.**
- **Manning – The unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means will be progressively manned based on rail-road traffic volume, visibility conditions.**

**Other steps taken to avoid accidents at level crossings are as follows:**

- (i) Global Positioning System (GPS) tracker to ensure presence of Gate Mitra at UMLCs will be provided by June 2018.**
- (ii) Public awareness campaigns are being done at different places like villages, Gram Panchayat, weekly market, bus stands, schools and other public places.**
- (iii) Periodic inspection of such level crossings is being carried out.**
- (iv) Social awareness campaigns are being done to educate road users with the use of print and electronic media for observance of safe practices prescribed in Motor Vehicles Act and Indian Railways Act.**
- (v) Short Message Service (SMS) campaigns are being done to create awareness amongst road users.**
- (vi) Nukkad Nataks are being organized at public places with theme “Safety at Level Crossings”.**
- (vii) Joint ambush checks along with civil police are being carried out to counter misadventure in front of approaching trains.**
- (viii) Level crossing awareness week is being organized every year in June by the Zonal Railways.**