

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

GANGMEN WITH MODERN GADGETS

1802. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the zone-wise number of gangmen totally employed by the Railways;**
- (b) whether of late the incidence of railway gangmen getting run over by the trains is on the increase and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways would provide the zone-wise statistics of railway gangmen killed by running trains in the last five years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether there is any proposal pending with the Railways to re-designate the gangmen as railway track maintainers and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether there is any proposal to equip the gangmen with a walkie-talkie like instrument called Raksha to warn them about the oncoming trains so that they stand clear of the railway tracks and if so, the details thereof?**

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. 1802 BY SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2019 REGARDING GANGMEN WITH MODERN GADGETS

(a) & (d): Presently there is no category of 'Gangmen'. The erstwhile Gangmen category have already been re-designated in the year 2012 and included in Unified cadre named as 'Track Maintainer'. The Zone-wise details of Track Maintainers (all Grades) employed by Railways is as under:

Zonal Railway	Employed Track Maintainers
Central	15953
East Coast	8214
East Central	16001
Eastern	14216
Metro	50
North Central	11925
North Eastern	8552
Northeast Frontier	14531
Northern	22102

Zonal Railway	Employed Track Maintainers
North Western	8839
South Central	16528
South East Central	9304
South Eastern	13915
Southern	13956
South Western	7173
West Central	11286
Western	17201
Total	209746

(b): No, Madam. The incidence of Track Maintainers (Erstwhile Gangmen) getting run over by the trains is not on the increase.

(c): The Zone-wise details of run-over cases of Track Maintainers (Erstwhile Gangmen) in the last five years is furnished below :

ZONAL RAILWAY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
CENTRAL RAILWAY	28	13	11	10	10
EASTERN RAILWAY	11	8	5	7	5
EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY	13	8	18	7	12
EAST COAST RAILWAY	4	10	3	0	1
NORTHERN RAILWAY	26	16	13	7	6
NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY	25	18	13	4	13
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY	7	4	8	1	4
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY	14	9	3	4	7
NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY	14	6	2	6	5
SOUTHERN RAILWAY	5	2	8	3	7
SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY	12	9	8	6	5
SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY	8	3	7	6	1
SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY	4	3	3	3	7
SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY	2	0	1	1	3
WESTERN RAILWAY	13	9	4	13	11
WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY	10	9	6	8	6
METRO RAILWAY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	196	127	113	86	103

(e): Yes, Madam. There is a proposal to equip the Track Maintainers (Erstwhile Gangmen) with a walkie-talkie instrument (Rakshak type) to warn them about the approaching trains.

This instrument is a VHF based Approaching Train Warning System. Trials of this instrument (Rakshak type) have been undertaken in one section each of five Zonal Railways. After successful trials over four Zonal Railways, a work at a total cost of ₹ 91.61 Cr has been sanctioned during 2018-19 and instructions have been issued to implement above system on Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals of Indian Railways spread over 12 Zonal Railways.
