GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2405 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS IN JABALPUR

†2405. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of level crossings (railway crossing) in operation in the country particularly in Jabalpur division of West Central Railway Zone Jabalpur;
- (b) the details of the unmanned railway crossings out of these;
- (c) whether in view of accidents that are likely to occur on these railway crossings, any measures have been taken in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct bridges in place of railway crossings in these places; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2022, total 19501 nos. of Level Crossings (LC) including Jabalpur Division (180 Nos. of Manned Level Crossings

(MLCs)) are in operation in the country. All Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019. Only 751 UMLCs on Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) sections exist on Indian Railways, which are planned for elimination during Gauge conversion of those sections. There are no UMLC on Jabalpur Division. The number of consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last three years is 'Nil'.

The following steps have been taken by Indian Railways to reduce rail accidents at UMLCs in the country:

- All Unmanned level crossing (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019
- Level Crossings having high Rail/Road vehicular traffic are either manned or interlocked with signals for enhancing safety.
- Instructions and inspection drives are being launched from time to time to ensure availability of basic infrastructure at level crossings such as whistle boards, road, warning boards, speed breakers, etc.

Further, public awareness campaigns/safety slogans are undertaken to create safety consciousness amongst road users for safe passage at level crossings.

(e) & (f): 18 Nos. of Low Height Subway/Road Under Bridge (LHS/RUB) and 24 Nos. of Road Over Bridge (ROB) are sanctioned in lieu of manned level crossing in Jabalpur Division.

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