GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1099 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS

1099. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs) in the country;
- (b) the number of accidents that took place at these Unmanned level crossings during the last three years, Year/State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to make unmanned railway crossings manned in the country including in the State of Gujarat in the last five years; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in respect of these unmanned level crossings?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): All Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) network of Indian Railway falling on passenger train route 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. The number of consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings during the

last three years is 'Nil'. 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 among road users for safe passage at level crossings.
