GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2379 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS ON ALL OPERATIONAL LINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of level crossings across the country at present;
- (b) the total number of unmanned level crossings on all available and operational lines;
- (c) the deadline fixed by the Government to do away with the unmanned level crossings on all the operational lines;
- (d) the alternative provisions that the Government has made for the users where the unmanned level crossings have been done away with; and
- (e) the number of people killed in accidents at level crossings in the past three years and the action taken by the Government to minimise such accidents?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (e): As on 01.04.2022, there are total 19501 nos. of Level Crossings (LCs) in the country on Indian Railway network. All

Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) network of Indian Railway 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. Total 07 persons killed in consequential train accidents at manned level crossings (MLCs) during the last three years i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Following steps have been taken by Indian Railways to reduce rail accidents at LCs in the country:

- All Unmanned level crossing (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019 either by manning of LCs or by construction of ROBs/RUBs or by diversion of Road Traffic to nearby ROB/RUB/LC.
- Level Crossings having high Rail/Road vehicular traffic are interlocked with signals for enhancing safety.
- 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.
- Public awareness campaigns/safety slogans are undertaken to create safety consciousness among road users for safe passage at level crossings.
