

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.5394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

OPENING OF CLOSED RAILWAY CROSSING

5394. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representations from the villagers of Dagauli, Nishan, Araji, Deoli, Sonari, Pilakhni, etc. falling under Muftiganj post office of Jaunpur district in Uttar Pradesh with regard to opening of closed railway crossing no. 29-c which is located at western side of Muftiganj railway station under Varanasi division of north eastern railway citing inundation problems being faced by them for quite some time;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action to mitigate the demands of the above villagers in this regard; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Request has been received for opening of Level Crossing (LC) No. 29/C at Km. 42/8-9 situated in Muftiganj yard. This LC was closed in 2014-15 with the consent of State Govt. due to low Traffic Vehicle Unit (TVU).

Level Crossings are potential safety hazard for both rail and road users, therefore, Railways have decided not to provide new LC on existing railway lines.

Local people of this area are using LC No. 29/A/C at Km. 43/3-4 to cross Railway line, which is 400 metre away from this location.

As per extant policy, if the location is a potential source of trespass, affecting safety in train operations, mobility of trains and fixed infrastructure of railway, Railway may consider to provide suitable subways/FOB in consultation with State Govt./Local authorities based on safety/mobility of trains, priority, feasibility and availability of funds.
