

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3737
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

INCIDENTS OF ANIMALS HIT BY TRAINS

†3737. SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent years, the incidents of animals hit by trains across the country, especially by the trains running between Ghaziabad and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction have been increasing due to which timely operation of the trains are being interrupted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking any steps to cover the railway tracks at places where there are plenty of cattle; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3737 BY SHRI JAI PRAKASH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ANIMALS HIT BY TRAINS

(a) & (b) The desired information regarding incidents of animals hit by train across the country covering 16 Zonal Railways during recent years is quite spread out & extensive and requires sufficient time for compilation.

(c) & (d) Railways are taking regular measures to keep cattle away from railway track by providing boundary wall/fencing at vulnerable locations. Provision of approximately 1911 km length of boundary wall at vulnerable locations has been identified over Zonal Railways including Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Howrah and other Golden Quadrilateral routes. Works amounting Rs. 3150 Cr have been sanctioned for construction of boundary wall. As on October, 2019, 121.43 km of boundary wall has been constructed against the target of 210 km for the year 2019-20.

In addition, steps taken by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest to curb the death of animals while crossing railway track, include the following:

- (i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,**
- (ii) Provision of signage board for pre-warning the train crew about animal crossings zones,**
- (iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,**
- (iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,**
- (v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of wildlife at identified locations,**
- (vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations,**

(vii) Forest Department staff deputed in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway and elephant trackers engaged by Forest Department for timely action by alerting station master and loco pilots.

(viii) Honey bee sound systems have been installed at locations which are prone to crossing of elephants.

(ix) Counseling of villagers for avoiding cattle coming near track.
