GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4599 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

ELIMINATING RAILWAY CROSSINGS

4599. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unmanned railway crossings, manned railway crossings, Railway Under Bridges (RUBs), Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) in the country and in particular, within the city limits of Bengaluru and Mysuru;
- (b) whether the Government is making efforts to eliminate railway crossings, manned, unmanned or with signal, within city limits, particularly of Bengaluru and Mysuru, to ease traffic and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of railway crossings converted into RUBs/ROBs, etc. in the cities of Bengaluru and Mysuru since 2014 and the funds sanctioned and utilised, along with the details of ongoing and pending projects with the funds disbursed; and
- (d) whether the Government has set any target to remove such railway crossings in the country and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): As on 01.04.2021, there were 3660 Road Over Bridges (ROBs), 10935 Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and 19532 Manned Level Crossings (MLCs) in the country. All Unmanned level crossing (UMLCs) on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated before 31.01.2019. Only 863 UMLCs on Meter Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG) sections are existing which are planned for elimination during Gauge conversion.

There are 26 Nos. of MLCs in Bengaluru and 8 Nos. of MLCs in Mysuru.

(b): 06 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs in Bengaluru and 02 Nos. in Mysuru are being constructed to ease traffic.

(c): 06 Nos. of railway crossings have been converted in Road Under Bridges/Road Over Bridges (RUBs/ROBs) in the cities of Bengaluru and Mysuru since 2014 at an estimated cost of ₹ 32 crore. 06 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs in Mysuru and 15 Nos. of ROBs/RUBs in Bengaluru are sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹ 30 crore and 250 crore respectively.

(d): Generally, there is no problem of construction of ROBs/ RUBs in Railway portion. However, the problem is faced in construction of approaches because of many factors such as fixing the alignment of approaches, land acquisition, encroachments, finalization of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), acceptance of estimate, allocation of requisite funds by State Government etc. Therefore, it is not feasible to fix timelines for completion of these ROB/RUBs.

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