2934. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI: SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA: SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH: SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY: DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data regarding Rail Mitras appointed in Odisha on unmanned railway crossings and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
(b) whether the Government has formulated any plan for the protection of Rail Mitras from accidents on railway crossing and scuffles (if any) with the passersby at the railway crossings;
(c) if so, the details of benefits which are being given to Rail Mitras;
(d) whether the Government is planning to hire them on a permanent basis instead of appointing them through contract and if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government has any data to highlight the impact of implementing this scheme in terms of accidents at railway crossings;
(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the total expenditure of the Government under this scheme, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): Rail Mitra were provided for counseling of road users and to prevent accident at Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs). However, all UMLCs on Broad Gauge (BG) have been eliminated by 31.01.2019. Hence, benefits, planning, impact etc. is not applicable at this stage on all over Indian Railway.

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