GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1784 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016

UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS IN BIKANER DIVISION

†1784. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are several identified or unidentified roads in the Bikaner Division of North Western Railways where absence of manned/unmanned level crossings compels the rural people to cross the railway line illegally and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal for construction of Rail Under Bridge or railway level crossing on such roads and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether under the prevailing rules, the Railways has asked the State Government and local bodies to bear the expenditure for construction of Rail Under Bridges, manned/unmanned level crossings and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that State Governments are not ready to bear the said expenditure and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to amend the prevailing rules and is ready to bear the said expenditure; and
- (f) if so, the number of accidents occurred on the unauthorized level crossings during the last three years in Bikaner division?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (f): There are few locations in Bikaner division, where roads exists on both sides of track but there is no level crossing or grade separator at these locations.

Subways have been sanctioned at 12 locations on deposit terms on the request of State Govt. as State Govt. agrees to bear the entire cost of construction of these subways.

As per extant rules, subways at such locations can be constructed on deposit terms provided technically feasible and State Govt./Local Authorities agrees to bear the entire cost of construction and maintenance of the same. Concerned PWD authorites have been requested, from time to time, for construction of subways at such locations on deposit terms.

Railway does not maintain the data of accidents at unauthorized crossings.
