

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3923
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

ACCIDENTS AT URCs

3923. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of deaths are reported frequently on Unmanned Railway Crossings (URCs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has expressed its inability to do away with unmanned crossings due to huge expenditure involved considering their large number and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Railways proposes to erect manned crossings on PPP model and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): The number of consequential train accidents at unmanned level crossings caused due to negligence of road vehicle users was 29 in 2015-16 and 11 in 2016-17 (upto July 2016) wherein 57 and 22 persons lost their lives respectively.

(b)&(c): It is the endeavour of Railways to eliminate all unmanned level crossings, in a phased manner, by either of the following:-

- Closure-Closing unmanned level crossings having NIL/negligible Train Vehicle (TVU).**

- **Merger-Merger of unmanned level crossing gate to nearby manned/unmanned level crossing or subway/Road Under Bridge (RUB)/Road Over Bridge (ROB) by construction of diversion road.**
- **Provision of Subways/RUBs.**
- **Manning-Phased manning of unmanned level crossings which cannot be eliminated by above means.**
