

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.248**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019**

**UNMANNED RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS**

\*248. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken by Railways for eliminating unmanned railway level crossings across the country during the last four years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of accidents which occurred at unmanned railway level crossings during the last five years, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.248 BY SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.01.2019 REGARDING UNMANNED RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Railways have taken action for eliminating unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) from Broad Gauge (BG) track across the country in last four years.

As per Section 131 of Motor Vehicle Act and Section 161 of Indian Railways Act, the onus for safe movement over UMLC has been put entirely on the road users, for which very stringent provisions have been enunciated in both the Acts. However, in view of the possible loss of human life at UMLCs, Railways have taken proactive measures to eliminate them through closure/merger/grade-separator/manning.

State-wise data of accidents are not being maintained. However, there is decreasing trend of accidents at UMLCs in past years, the details of which are as under:

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec 18)
49	52	30	20	10	3

The progress achieved in elimination of UMLCs on BG in last few years are as under:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (upto Dec 18)
No. of UMLCs eliminated	1102	1148	1253	1503	1565	3451

In next few weeks, Indian Railways will be free from UMLCs on BG.

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