

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 362
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS (LCs)

362. DR. D RAVI KUMAR:

DR. THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOLKAPPIYAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of Unmanned Level Crossings(LCs) in the country including Tamil Nadu, district, State-wise;**
- (b) the deadline fixed by the Government to do away with the unmanned level crossings on all the operational lines;**
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any time frame to ensure that all abandoned railway crossings will be safe for people/commuters and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the alternative provisions that the Government has made for users where the unmanned level crossings have been done away with; and**
- (e) the number of people killed at level crossings in the country during the last three years and current year and the action taken by the Government to minimize such accidents?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 362 BY DR. D RAVI KUMAR AND DR. THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOLKAPPIYAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS (LCs)

(a) to (e): All Unmanned level crossings (UMLCs) on running lines of Broad Gauge (BG) network of Indian Railway have been eliminated by 31.01.2019.

Elimination of level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

LCs are eliminated either by providing ROBs/ RUBs in lieu of LCs or through direct closure (for low traffic LCs) or by diversion of road traffic to nearby ROB/RUB/LC depending upon the site conditions.

During the period from 2014-24, total 11945 Nos. Road Over Bridges (ROBs)/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) were constructed, whereas, during the period from 2004-14, only 4,148 Nos. ROBs/RUBs were constructed on Indian Railways.

During last three years and current year upto June 2024, no consequential accident took place at UMLCs existing on Meter Gauge (MG) & Narrow Gauge (NG) sections of Indian Railway network, which are planned for elimination during Gauge conversion of the sections.

Further, following steps have been taken by Indian Railways to minimize rail accidents at LCs in the country:

- Level Crossings having high Rail/Road vehicular traffic are interlocked with signals for enhancing safety.**

- **Inspection drives are being launched from time to time to ensure availability of basic infrastructure at level crossings such as whistle boards, road warning boards, speed breakers etc.**
- **Public awareness campaigns/safety slogans are undertaken to create safety consciousness among road users for safe passage at level crossings.**
