

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3333
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
RE- OPENING OF LEVEL CROSSINGS ON LUNI BARMER-MUNABAO RAIL LINE
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there were number of level crossings on Luni-Barmer-Munabao Rail Line before Independence;
- (b) whether during the last 50 years, large number of cattle crossing and unmanned level crossing have been closed whereas the population and number of vehicles have increased many fold;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are aware that in this backward desert area of Western Rajasthan, level crossings are not available between 30KM distance which is causing great hardship of the people of the area;
- (d) if so, whether the Government are considering to reopen such level crossings which were closed, during conversion of this 300 KM rail line from metre gauge to broad gauge to mitigate the problems of the people; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTR OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Only one 'D' class cattle crossing No.D-291 at KM 737/2-3 was closed during 1983. There is no stretch of 30 KM on this route where level crossings are not existing.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.