

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1477  
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ABANDONING/ CLOSING OF LEVEL CROSSINGS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to reduce the number of level crossings by abandoning/closing some of them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone /division-wise;
- (c) the reasons for abandoning/closing of level crossings;
- (d) whether the Railways have sought the consent of State Governments in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the State Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) Yes, sir. During the year 1995-96, about 536 unmanned level crossings were identified for closure on Indian Railways. The Zone-wise details are as under :-

S No	Zones	No. of Level Crossings identified for closure
1	Central Railway	46
2	Eastern Railway	19
3	Northern Railway	85
4	North Easter Railway	93
5	Northeast Frontier Railway	103
6	Southern Railway	117
7	South Central Railway	37
8	South Eastern Railway	08
9	Western Railway	28
	Total	536

These level crossings were identified for closures as either there was no/meager road traffic on the Level Crossings or the traffic of the Level Crossing was diverted through the nearby Level Crossing by providing suitable road diversions. However, Railway could effectively close only 248 unmanned level crossings, because consent for closure of other level crossings was not received from State Governments/Local Authorities.