

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:302
ANSWERED ON:24.03.2005
RAILWAY SAFETY FUND
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the purpose of setting up of Railway Safety Fund;
- (b) whether the objectives have been achieved;
- (c) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the amount spent from the Fund during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.302 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24-03-2005 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY FUND

(a): Railway Safety Fund has been set up primarily to channelise the Railways' share of the diesel cess and petrol cess, received from the Central Road Fund, to be utilized exclusively for road related railway safety works such as construction of Road Over and Under Bridges, improvement to level crossings, including their manning etc.

(b) &(c): Yes, Sir. Thrust has been given for inclusion of these safety related works as there is an assured inflow into the fund which is non-lapsable. Through this fund, 87 Road Over Bridges and Road Under Bridges have been constructed, 651 unmanned level crossings have been converted into manned level crossings and 1112 level crossings have been interlocked ever since its inception. Further, works relating to manning of 701 unmanned level crossings and about 900 works of interlocking of manned level crossing are in progress. Apart from this, 436 Road Over Bridges and Road Under Bridges are under construction.

(d): The amount spent from the fund in the last three years is as under:

Year Amount spent
(Rs. in Crores)

2001-02	140.32
2002-03	164.07
2003-04	166.19