GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4223 ANSWERED ON:07.08.2014 PERMISSION FOR RAILWAY CROSSING Chauhan Shri Devusinh Jesingbhai;Patel Smt. Jayshreeben ;Patil Shri Chandrakant Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received representation/ requests for permission from various agencies/ individuals for crossings of railway tracks for various purposes including water supply projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Railways thereon, State-wise including Gujarat; and

(c) the time frame by which the pending proposal are likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4223 ASKED BY SHRI C.R.PATIL, SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL, SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2014 REGARDING PERMISSION FOR RAILWAY CROSSING.

(a): Railways receive requests from various agencies/individuals for crossing of railway tracks for various purposes including relating to water supply. Such proposals are examined and permission is granted if the proposal is complete, feasible, does not affect safety of trains, and after the party has deposited the required fees and met with all the procedural requirements. This is an ongoing process and Railway strives to accord approval on fast track. As on 30/06/2014, there were 3086 proposals in hand. In addition 326 new proposals have been received since then. Out of these 3412 proposals, 963 proposals have since been cleared.

(b): Data of railway crossing proposals is maintained zone-wise(Western Railway and North Western Railway include Gujarat) and not State-wise. The details of railway crossing proposals in hand are as under:

Railway Zones No. of Proposals Central 170 92 Eastern Northern 85 North Eastern 19 Northeast Frontier 110 Southern 452 South Central 128 South Eastern 74 Western 449 East Central 72 East Coast 113 North Central 118 North Western 230 Southeast Central 22 South Western 279 West Central 36 TOTAL 2449

(c): As the sponsoring parties take time in complying with the procedural requirements, it is not possible to fix any target by Railways for granting approval to the proposals.