

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Headquarters office
Works Branch
Chennai -600 003
Date:18.09.2014

No.W.349/A/RTI /2014/Belson/50

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Chennai-600001

Sub: Seeking information under RTIA – 2005.
Ref: Your RTI application dated 04.09.14 received from
JD/PG&APIO/Southern Railway vide latter dated 10.09.14.

Your RTI application dated 04.09.2014 has been examined and the following information is furnished on paras 1, 4, 5 and 6 pertaining to Engineering department.

Para No.	Information sought for	Information furnished
1	How many unmanned level crossings are found within your jurisdiction?	762 unmanned level crossings are existing in Southern Railway as on 01.09.2014.
4	What is the criterion as per Southern Railways to convert unmanned Railway level crossings to manned Railway level crossings?	The following are the criteria prescribed by Railway Board for manning of unmanned level crossings. The unmanned level crossings have been classified into three categories. Category I: All unmanned level crossings gates with Train Vehicle Units (TVU) above 3000. Category II: All unmanned level crossings gates with visibility restricted to 800m for road users and Train Vehicle Units (TVU) above 2500. Category III: All unmanned level crossings, which do not fall in category I & II above and which cannot be eliminated by any other methods like construction of diversion road, subway, closure of gates having low Train Vehicle Units (TVU) are any other means as per extant policy instructions. Manning of level crossing can be prioritized in order of Train Vehicle Units (TVU) or any other relevant site specific factors.

5	What is the estimated cost to convert an unmanned level crossing to manned level crossings?	The approximate cost of converting an unmanned level crossing as manned level crossing including allied works is about Rs.50 lakhs.
6	What is the future plan and time line available with your department to convert all the unmanned railway crossings to manned level crossings with in your jurisdiction?	As per Railway Board's policy, it is planned to eliminate all the unmanned level crossings during the next five years.

The above information is furnished under the provisions of RTIA 2005.

In case of any doubts/clarifications/further information on the subject, you may contact the Chief Planning and Development Engineer/Southern Railway on any working day with prior appointment.

Any appeal in this regard may please be made to the Additional General Manager and Appellate Authority, Southern Railway, Chennai-3, within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

D.R. Shyam Sundar
(D.R. Shyama Sundar) 18/09/2014
**Chief General Engineer &
Public Information Officer.**

JD/PG&APIO wrt letter NO.G.50/RTI/2014/0820 dated 10.09.14.

(b/c) 18/9/14

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Signature of the Clerk..... 17.15 Hrs
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