“Unmanned Railway Crossings - Minimizing Accidents”

(Collective inputs from 140,000 strong Make Railways Better circle)

1. Through mass media/awareness creation campaigns, it should be communicated that trains have right of way on the rail tracks
2. Unmanned crossings should be made automatic with the help of sensors
3. Alternatives by-ways of over bridge or subway should be made available for commuters
4. Some kind of alarm should be sounded when the train is approaching
5. Warning boards with pictures and street lights should be installed at all such crossings
6. Speed breakers should be built on either side of the railway crossing
7. Local Police, NGOs and Community should be roped in to educate people about the precautions while crossing unmanned crossings
8. A senior local Railway official must organize an event once a month via the local circle on disaster preparedness, unmanned crossing and other awareness items for the community
9. Media should also be used to generate awareness, especially in rural areas
10. It should be made mandatory for the trains to blow horn before an unmanned crossing
11. Till the awareness campaigns are effective, local police should fine violators to drive compliance
12. Hoardings should be put of accident scenes as a deterrent
13. Visibility around the unmanned crossings should be increased and bushes, trees etc. should be removed
14. Electronic display boards should be installed which show the approximate distance of the approaching train.

This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 265,000 strong ‘Make Railways Better’ circle, the largest community for the cause. Visit http://tinyurl.com/Make-Railways-Better for more.