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Kurla Station: According to a recently released report by an NGO, Kurla Railway Station has now become a death trap for rail commuters within the city limits. In the last five years, 1,982 deaths have occurred at this station, while Borivali railway station has seen the highest number of passenger injuries. Most deaths on tracks in 2022 (43 percent) occurred during railroad crossings, followed by falling from trains (28 percent). Railway officials are doing their best to prevent deaths by enforcing platform fencing and other regulations. But travelers also need to be careful.

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The figures have revealed that 1,982 passengers lost their lives due to various reasons at Kurla railway station, followed by 977 passengers at Borivali railway station. In terms of passenger injuries, Borivali topped the list with 964 passengers injured at the station, while Mumbai Central railway station saw 920 passengers injured.

Railway officials claimed that authorities in Mumbai are working on encroachment control programmes, construction of foot overbridges and counseling of passengers to prevent such accidents. There are more than 140 feet over bridges on the Western Railway, 13 of which are slated to be built in 2022 alone. Central Line has 206 FOBs. More FOBs are planned. If passengers avoid crossing the tracks and use these FOBs, the death toll will definitely come down, an official said.

According to statistics, 2022 saw the highest number of deaths in Borivali. A total of 240 passengers died at the station during the calendar year, while 233 passengers died at Kurla railway station. Of the 240 deaths at Borivali, 140 were due to crossing the line. 101 people have died due to derailment in Kurla.

Chief Public Relations Officer Dr. Shivraj Manaspure said that we have fenced the tracks to prevent track crossing. Regular announcements are being made. Police personnel are also deployed to prevent passengers from crossing the tracks as well as exiting suburban locales. Still accidents are happening and passengers are losing their lives.

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