

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1566  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES IN MAHARASHTRA

1566 PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:  
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:  
SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:  
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:  
SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO:  
SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified old railway bridges in Maharashtra which are in dilapidated condition and if so, the details of the repair work undertaken during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of number of railway bridges that collapsed in last three years till date;
- (c) the number of persons killed and injured as a result of bridge collapses;
- (d) whether there has been a delay in sanctioning and completion of sanctioned bridge works resulting in risk of bridge collapse, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has ordered a review of old bridges in need of repair, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to repair all the old railway bridges across the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1566 BY PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE, SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE AND SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES IN MAHARASHTRA.

(a) to (f): There is a well established system of inspection of railway bridges on Indian Railways. All the railway bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon. In addition, certain railway bridges are also inspected more frequently depending upon their condition. Repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of railway bridges is a continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections and not on the basis of age. No railway bridge has collapsed in Maharashtra during the last three years. All railway bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.

The information on railway bridges is maintained Zone-wise and not State-wise. Maharashtra is covered under Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway.

During last three years, 5,405 nos of railway bridges were repaired / rehabilitated/ strengthened /rebuild in Indian Railway which include 1,323 nos of railway bridges in above mentioned five Zonal Railways.

As on 01.04.2024, 9,784 nos of railway bridges are sanctioned for repairs/ strengthening/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding on Indian Railway.

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