

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

INFALLIBLE SECURITY DURING MONSOON SEASON

† 391 SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for strict monitoring of the railway bridges and tracks in view of maintaining infallible security during monsoon season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure to keep the railway tracks free from water logging and the signalling system unaffected during rains;
- (c) the special measures being taken/proposed to be taken to increase patrolling to ensure proper operation of the signalling system in all sensitive places, particularly Sonipat, Jind and those railway routes where heavy commuting takes place everyday; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 391 BY SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH & SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING INFALLIBLE SECURITY DURING MONSOON SEASON.

(a) to (d): There is an established system of inspection of Railway Bridges and tracks on Indian Railways. The inspection of the Railway track is undertaken by designated officials at a specified frequency. In addition to prescribed schedule for regular maintenance following measures are taken during monsoon to ensure proper functioning of signaling system:-

- (i) Drainage system in yards is improved by cleaning of yard drains.
- (ii) Identified vulnerable locations for failure of track circuits are attended in advance.
- (iii) Joint inspection of points & track circuits are conducted by track & signaling officials and remedial measures are taken.
- (iv) Axle counter is provided in identified areas vulnerable for water logging.

Special precautions such as the introduction of monsoon patrolling in identified sections, deployment of watchmen at vulnerable locations, special patrolling of track in case of heavy rains are taken during monsoon. Coordination is done with concerned Regional Meteorological Centres for updated weather information and with District authorities for getting information regarding release of excess water from reservoirs/dams.
