

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2753  
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001  
REPLACEMENT OF OLD BRIDGES  
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;K. MURALEEDHARAN;N.T. SHANMUGAM

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have decided to replace/repair all old bridges during the next five years;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost involved therein, zone-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any concrete action plan has been worked out in this regard;
- (d) if so, the States where the work is likely to be started during the current financial year; and
- (e) the amount allocated for replacement of bridges/culverts during the current financial year, State-wise and zone-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST  
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2753 BY S/SHRI  
MURALEEDHARAN IQBAL AHMED SARADGI AND N.T. SHANMUGAM, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2  
REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF OLD BRIDGES

(a) to (e): Railways undertake rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges on a programmed basis on the basis of availability of resources and physical condition of bridges as ascertained annually through inspections, the type of construction and ability to take the traffic load expected and not on basis of age alone. The creation of Special Railway Safety Fund has provided additional resources and work of rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges will get a boost in the next five or six years. Expected investment is about Rs. 2000 crore. The bridges to be rehabilitated/rebuilt are spread over the entire Railway system. Priority will be given to distressed and cast iron pile bridges. The work is being done by all zones of the Railway. During the current year Rs.96 crore has been allotted for bridge rehabilitation/ rebuilding. Budget allocations are made Railway Zone-wise and not State-wise. Zone-wise distribution of funds allotted during the current year is as under:

RAILWAY BUDGET ALLOTMENT (Figure in crore)	RAILWAY BUDGET ALLOTMENT (Figure in crore)
Central 6.90	Southern 1.13
Eastern 22.90	South Central 7.30
Northern 22.90	South Eastern 5.80
North 2.78	Western 9.33
Eastern Northeast 16.96	TOTAL 96.00
Frontier	