

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:161
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2002
BRIDGE INSPECTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a team of rail officials was sent abroad to study management system of rail bridges including their inspection and maintenance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of countries visited by these rail officials and the amount spent on their visit;
- (d) whether they have submitted any report to the Government; and
- (e) if so, the salient features thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.161 BY SHRI NARESH PUGLIA BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.11.02 REGARDING BRIDGE INSPECTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(a) & (b) A Task Force of four officers consisting of (1) the Chief Bridge Engineer, South Eastern Railway(2) the Executive Director, Bridges & Structures, Research Development and Standardisation Organisation (RDSO), (3) the Director Bridges & Structures, Railway Board and (4) the Director, Finance, Railway Board has been constituted to look into various aspects of upgrading of bridge inspection and management system including underwater inspections. As a part of the terms of reference, the team was required to visit countries abroad for on the spot assessment of the systems there.

(c) The team is currently visiting USA, Canada, Denmark and Italy. The visit is estimated to cost Rs.19 lacs.

(d) No, Sir. The team on return, shall submit its tour report by end of December 2002.

(e) Appropriate action shall be taken after studying the report submitted by the team.