

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION PLAN FOR RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recommendations of RRC (Railway Reforms Committee) in regard to creation of special cell in each Zonal Railway by 1988 for preparation of rehabilitation plan for bridges within 10 years and separate cell for detailed technical inspection have been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Zonal Railway Administrations are not having information regarding year of construction of bridges; and
- (e) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): No such recommendation was made by the Railway Reforms Committee. However, on recommendation of Railway Reforms Committee (April, 1982), a Sub-Committee on re-building of old Railway bridges had been formed by the Ministry of Railways. The Sub-Committee in its report in 1988 had recommended that the re-building programme for Railway bridges may be processed. Another recommendation of the Sub-Committee was for creation of an Inspection Organisation under the technical control of Chief Bridge Engineer.

the rehabilitation has been carried out as per the availability of the funds, which have increased substantially after the creation of the Special Railway Safety Fund in 2001. It has also been decided to continue inspection with the existing Organisation and to lay down increased frequency of inspection of early steel girders and distressed bridges etc.

(d) & (e): The year of opening of line has been adopted as the year of construction of the bridges. The Bridge Inspection Register record is accordingly under updation.