

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have initiated any new plan for the modernisation of railway bridges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for the said plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As a new initiative, Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) was created during the year 2001 for repair/rehabilitation of old assets. Out of Rs.17,000 crores allocated for the purpose, Rs. 1530 crores have been earmarked for repair/rehabilitation of Railway Bridges. During the period 2001-2002 and 2002-03, 776 bridges have been rehabilitated/rebuilt to suit present standards and an amount of approximately Rs.195 crores have been spent. During the year 2003-04, an amount of Rs.217 crores have been allocated and 571 bridges are targeted.