

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of rail bridges in Gujarat & other States which are more than eighty years old;
- (b) whether Railway do not have appropriate and adequate data base about railway bridges due to which their proper monitoring is very difficult;
- (c) if so, the main reasons for not maintaining appropriate data base about railway bridges: and
- (d) the manner in which the Union Government are monitoring and maintaining such old bridges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) The position of Railway bridges is maintained Railway-wise and not State-wise. There are about 75600 Rail Bridges spread over 16 Railway zones, which are more than 80 years old.
- (b) Adequate & appropriate information about railway bridges is available for proper monitoring. However, Railway has further decided to modernize inspection & management systems
- (c) Does not arise
- (d) Railways have a well laid down multi-tier schedule of annual inspection of bridges and each bridge is inspected atleast once in a year. The defects noticed during such inspections are attended to promptly or suitable speed restrictions are imposed, if required, till such time repairs are carried out.