

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4358
ANSWERED ON:26.08.2004
OLD ROBS RUBS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of RoBs/RuBs in Kerala which are more than fifty years old and are in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken by the Government for these sensitive bridges; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to ensure that accidents like Koyilandi does not happen in future ?

Answer

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

(a): There are 6 Road Over Bridges(ROBs) and 1 Road Under Bridge (RUB) in Kerala more than 50 years old but none of them is in dilapidated condition.

(b) & (c): All the road over/under bridges are inspected annually by the competent authority before and after Monsoon season to ascertain their condition. Repair or maintenance required if any, is carried out immediately. The Kadalundi bridge was a Railway bridge & not ROB/RUB. For Railway bridges, a special safety fund has been created for replacements/rebuilding of distressed bridges. Priority has been given to the bridges where obsolete /non standard materials have been used at the time of construction of bridge under water. Inspection is also being done to check the integrity of substructures/ foundation.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4358 BY SH. P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26TH AUGUST 2004 REGARDING OLD ROBS/RUBS IN KERALA

(a) to (c): There is no ROB/RUB in Kerala in dilapidated condition at present. All the road over/under bridges are inspected annually by the competent authority also before and after Monsoon season to ascertain their condition, Repair or Maintenance if any required, is carried out immediately. However, the following works of ROB/ RUBs are of more than 50 years old falling in the State.

Section	Location-kms	Span	Constructed in	
ROB				
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	623/6-7	9.80x1	1928	
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	664/900-655/0	25.15x1	1930	
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	827/2-3	7.32x1	1906	
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	832/9-10	7.32x1	1906	
Palghat-Shoranur-Nilambur Rd.	45/10-11	6.10x1	1928	
TrivandrumCentral-Shoranur-Cochin Harbour Terminus	104/503	11.12x1	1940	
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	747/900-748/0	6.10x1	1903	
RUB				
Palghat-Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore	747/900-748/0	6.10x1	1903	