

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2560  
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004  
KHANNA COMMITTEE REPORT ON DANGEROUS BRIDGES  
Singh Shri Ganesh

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Khanna Committee had prepared a report on the dangerous railway bridges which have outlived their load bearing capacity;
- (b) if so, the details of the report presented by the said committee;
- (c) the details of the action taken thereon, bridge-wise; and
- (d) if not, the categorical reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2560 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16-12-2004 REGARDING KHANNA COMMITTEE REPORT ON DANGEROUS BRIDGES.

(a) to (d): Khanna Committee (1999) in their report had recommended that distressed bridges, bridges over 100 years in age and Early Steel bridges should be further inspected by Task Force (Senior Administrative grade level). No specific list of bridges was mentioned by Committee in their report. However, Committee had noted about 262 distressed bridges existed on Indian Railway as on 1.4.99. In pursuance of their recommendation, all above distressed bridges were got inspected by Territorial Chief Engineers of the Railways and their rehabilitation/rebuilding taken up. The activity of rehabilitation/rebuilding of these distressed bridges and fresh accruals has got a fillip since the sanction of Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) in 2001-02 and a total of 927 distressed bridges have been rebuilt/rehabilitated in last five years.