

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1643
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2007
DILAPIDATED CONDITIONS OF RAILWAY BRIDGES
Jogi Shri Ajit

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) : whether several railway bridges in the country particularly in Chhattisgarh are in a delapidated condition:
(b) : if so, the details thereof;
(c) : whether the Railways has prepared any plan to repair these old bridges or construct new bridges in place of old bridges; and
(d) : if so, the details thereof ?

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. 1643 BY SHRI AJIT JOGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.08.2007 REGARDING DILAPIDATED CONDITIONS OF RAILWAY BRIDGES.

(a) to (d): No, Sir. None of the Railway Bridges on Indian Railway system is in a dilapidated condition. Rehabilitation/rebuilding/repair of Bridges is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Railway undertakes rehabilitation/rebuilding/repair of Bridges on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections carried out in the field. Certain Bridges which may show signs of deterioration of physical condition indicating need for rehabilitation etc., are classified as Distressed Bridges. These, however, are neither unsafe nor dilapidated Bridges. Based on such identification of Bridges, allotment of funds is made annually to carry out their rehabilitation, rebuilding/repair duly prioritizing the works as per requirement

In 2001-02, to clear the backlog of replacement of such identified Bridges on Indian Railways, 2370 no. of Bridges were sanctioned for rehabilitation/rebuilding/repair at a cost of Rs. 1530 Crore (Net) under Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF). Apart from SRSF, additional funds are also made available annually in Railway Budget to undertake rehabilitation/rebuilding/repair of fresh accruals of Bridge works under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF). Year-wise repair/rehabilitation/rebuilding of Bridges on Indian Railways since creation of SRSF is given as below:-

Year	SRSF	DRF				
	No. of Bridges	Expenditure	No. of Bridges	Expenditure		
	Rehabilitated/Rebuilt/Repaired	(Rs. in Crore)	Rehabilitated/Rebuilt/Repaired	(Rs. in Crore)		
2001-02	280	44.10	445	63.96		
2002-03	496	151.60	655	47.50		
2003-04	530	157.27	1033	71.28		
2004-05		375	274.26	1204	116.00	
2005-06		239	248.61	1192	161.98	

2006- 07 167 261.20 947 215.15

2007-08	190	445.50	1254	157.10
(Target)	(Budget	(Target)	(Budget	
	Allotment)		Allotment)	Allotment)