

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3216  
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2004  
SPECIAL RAILWAY SAFETY FUND  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the source of financing special Railway Safety Fund and amount available for the year 2003-05;
- (b) the amount allotted for carrying out repairs of dilapidated rail bridges and railway tracks during each of the last two years and expenditure incurred for the said purpose, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that railway stations of Dhanbad and Ranchi districts in Jharkhand are lack of adequate facilities;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate facilities at these stations; and
- (e) the effects of utilization of SRF funds and to what extent the accidents/mishaps have been reduced since creation of this fund?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3216 BY DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA AND SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR DUBY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19-8-2004 REGARDING SPECIAL RAILWAY SAFETY FUND.

(a) The funding of Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) is through a dividend free grant of Rs. 12000 crores from the General Exchequer and Rs. 5000 crores, to be generated by the Ministry of Railways, by levy of safety surcharge on passenger fares. For the year 2004-05, the total Budget Estimate (Net) for Special Railway Safety Fund is Rs. 2933 crores. This constitutes Rs. 2075 crores from the General Exchequer and Rs.700 crores by the Ministry of Railways through levy of safety surcharge and Rs.158 crores from its revenues.

(b) The allotment of funds and expenditure on Indian Railways is not maintained State-wise but is being done zonal railway wise. The zonal railway wise figures for amount allotted and expenditure incurred during the last two years, for carrying out repairs of rail bridges and railway tracks are as under :

2002-2003 (Rs. in crores)

Zonal Railway Repair/Renewal of Track      Repair/Rehabilitation of Bridges

	Allocation (Gross) (Revised Estimate)	Expenditure (Gross)	Allocation (Gross) (Revised Estimate)	Expenditure (Gross)
Central	204.00		267.35	36.00
Eastern	110.00		165.41	13.90
Northern	346.00		353.47	22.60
North Eastern	41.28		60.02	4.98
Northeast	43.00		54.30	19.00
Frontier				
South Central	204.15		223.85	11.23
South Eastern	401.62		427.62	16.03
Southern	129.00		157.30	6.23
Western	263.00		297.35	15.50
East Central	131.01		-	9.80
East Coast	.		-	.
North Western	24.03		-	1.50
North Central	.		-	.

South East	.	-	.	-
Central				
South Western	.	-	.	-
West Central	.	-	.	-
Total Gross	1897.09	2006.67	156.77	151.61
Credit	434.46	349.22	0.88	0.49
Total (Net)	1462.63	1657.45	155.89	151.12

2003-2004 (Rs. in crores)

Zonal Railway    Repair/Renewal of Track    Repair/Rehabilitation of Bridges

	Allocation (Gross) (Revised Estimate)	Expenditu re (Gross) (Provisio nal)	Allocation (Gross) (Revised Estimate)	Expenditu re (Gross) (Provisional)
Central	135.85		122.14	22.16
Eastern	115.00		120.99	4.09
Northern	281.00		309.52	45.25
North Eastern	42.00		41.77	12.00
Northeast	53.00		65.32	10.00
Frontier				
South Central	167.30		156.26	21.12
South Eastern	143.00		143.65	6.48
Southern	155.00		150.22	7.53
Western	167.00		169.03	15.31
East Central	109.00		124.41	15.20
East Coast	83.86		96.52	4.54
North Western	117.60		124.99	1.11
North Central	9306		92.61	5.17
South East	95.00		102.20	3.23
Central				
South Western	16.21		26.44	2.43
West Central	80.00		97.83	11.87
Total Gross	1853.89		1943.90	187.52
Credit	43.93		330.81	2.75
Total (Net)	1417.96		1613.09	184.77

(c) & (d): Railways' maintain the position Division-wise & not District-wise. The status of amenities in the Ranchi (South Eastern Railway) & Dhanbad (East Central Railway) Divisions is as under:

(i) Ranchi Division – Minimum Essential Amenities as per the laid down norms have been provided at all the stations of this Division.

(ii) Dhanbad Division – Minimum Essential Amenities as per the laid down norms have been provided at the stations except for certain quantitative deficiencies ( for example 1 booking counter is available as against the requirement of 2 ), in the areas of number of Booking counters, urinals/toilets etc. However, works for elimination of such deficiencies are targeted for completion by March, 2005.

(e) To improve safety, Indian Railways have been taking various measures, in addition to replacement of over aged assets through SRSF. It is, therefore, not feasible to quantify the reduction in number of accidents on account of SRSF alone. However, the number of consequential train accidents has come down from 414 in 2001-02 to 351 in 2002-03 and further to 325 in 2003-04.