

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OUTDATED RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of old and outdated rail bridges in the country which require strengthening, building and rehabilitation on a large scale;
- (b) whether any comprehensive scheme has been chalked out for such bridges in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Rehabilitation/rebuilding/strengthening of bridges is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. A well laid down system of multi-tier inspection of bridges is followed on Indian Railways. Railways undertake rehabilitation/rebuilding/ strengthening of bridges on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections carried out in the field. As on 01-4-10, there are 3960 number of bridges requiring rehabilitation/rebuilding/ strengthening.

Number of bridges rehabilitated/rebuilt/strengthened on Indian Railways in the last 5 years and target for the current year are as below:

05-06 06-07 07-08 08-09 09-10 10-11 (Target)

1431 1114 1208 1388 1294 1345