

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:686
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010
OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of railways bridges which have outlived their life span in the country, zone-wise ;
- (b) the number of bridges, out of the above, in dangerous conditions; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to rehabilitate/rebuild the bridges which have outlived their life span?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 686 BY SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI AND DR. SANJAY SINH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.11.2010 REGARDING OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES

(a) to (c): There are no railway bridges which have outlived their life span. Suitability of railway bridges to carry railway traffic is decided on the basis of their physical condition and not on life span. Physical condition of each bridge is systematically monitored by designated field officials at various levels and bridges requiring rehabilitation/strengthening/rebuilding as considered necessary are identified. Based on such identification of bridges, allotment of funds is made annually to carry out their rehabilitation/strengthening/rebuilding, duly prioritizing the works as per requirement. Number of bridges on Indian Railways which have been rehabilitated/ rebuilt/ strengthened in last five years are as below:

Year No. of bridges

2005-06 1431

2006-07 1114

2007-08 1208

2008-09 1388

2009-10 1294

During 2010-11, 1347 number of bridges have been planned for rehabilitation/strengthening/ rebuilding out of which, 491 bridges have already been rehabilitated/strengthened/rebuilt. upto September 2010.