

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway bridges, protection dams and other properties of Railways damaged due to natural calamities in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Chauka Guidebandh, Ganeshpur Spur and railway track built on upper stream of Algya railway bridge are lying damaged since the floods in Ghaghra river during the year 2008-09;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to prevent likelihood of any accident on said stretch; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Thirty eight railway bridges and protection dams of Railways were damaged due to natural calamities in the country during the last three years (i.e. 2007-08 onwards), in Eastern, East Central, Northern, Northeast Frontier, North Western, South Central and South Eastern Railways.
- (b) No guide bund by name of Chauka guide bund on the upstream of Elgin railway bridge belongs to railways. However, there are two spurs named as Ganeshpur Spur and Chaukaghat Spur at this location to protect mole head of the Lucknow end of the guide bund for Elgin railway bridge. The spurs and the railway track were not damaged due to flood in Ghaghra river during 2008-09.
- (c) & (d) Do not arise.