

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2395  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011  
CHAKKIPUR BRIDGE  
Sushant Dr. Rajan

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that Chakkipur bridge which connects Punjab and Himachal Pradesh has collapsed recently;
- (b) if so, whether rail operations were disrupted due to this collapse; and
- (c) if so, the expenditure incurred by the Railways for the repair/renovation of the said bridge during the last three years and the steps taken to restore the rail operations?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Due to flash floods in Chakki River, bridge No.32. (Chakki Bridge) on Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Narrow Gauge (NG) section was severely damaged on 12.08.2011.

(b): Yes, Madam. Train services from Pathankot to Nagrotasurian station (approximately 62 kms) on Pathankot - Joginder Nagar NG section in Northern Railway are presently under suspension due to damage to Chakki bridge.

(c): The expenditure incurred by the Railways for repairs/renovation of this bridge during last three years are as below:

Year Expenditure incurred  
(Rs. Lakhs)

2008-09 16.36

2009-10 27.56

2010-11 52.95

The work of repairs of bridge is in progress.