

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRESERVATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway bridges in the country which are more than 100 years old and which are engineering marvel and needs to be preserved, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received requests/ representations from various organisations including Forum on Social and Human Rights, to preserve these railway bridges including the railway bridge across the river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh by proposing to UNESCO to declare these century old bridges as World Heritage Monuments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to preserve these bridges?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) The Ministry of Railways has provided information that there are 33, 395 railway bridges in the country which are more than 100 years old. No information is maintained about bridges which are over 100 years old and specifically categorized as engineering marvel. The information of Railway Bridges is maintained Zone/wise and not state wise.
- (b) No such representation has been received so far by the Ministry of Railways or by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c) & (d) Question does not arise.