

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3332  
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BHAIRAVGARH RAIL BRIDGE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the operational life of railway bridges particularly Bhairavgarh bridge in Ratlam district (Madhya Pradesh) have expired several years back resulting in lurking danger for the trains going to Mumbai via Ratlam;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Railways to reconstruct/repair the said bridge; and
- (c) the reasons for not taking cognizance of the reconstruction of the said bridge so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a): No age norms are laid down for the railway bridges. The rebuilding/rehabilitation/strengthening of bridges is undertaken on the basis of their physical condition and not on the basis of age. The Bhairongarh bridge, which is bridge number 226 between Bhairongarh and Raoti Stations of Ratlam Division of Western Railway, is safe for passage of trains at permitted speed.

(b) and (c): The work of replacement of the bridge on down line, which is having early steel girders, is already sanctioned and construction of new bridge is in progress on diverted alignment. The work of substructure of new bridge has been completed and the work of superstructure is in progress.