

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2910  
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REPAIR OF RAIL BRIDGES  
Singh Shri Mahabali

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

(a) whether as per rules, railway bridges are required to be repaired every five year but due to shortage of staff and lack of sophisticated machines, difficulties are being faced in accomplishing this task; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and necessary measures being taken by the Railways to remove these difficulties?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. A regular and rigorous system of inspection of railway bridges is followed on Indian Railways. Under this system all the railway bridges are thoroughly inspected once a year by designated officials. In addition, the inspecting officials also inspect the bridges during their routine inspections. Rebuilding/Rehabilitation/Strengthening of bridges is undertaken on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections. During the last five financial years, a total of 6011 Rail Bridges have been rebuilt/ rehabilitated/ strengthened in Indian Railway system.