

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:790

ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009

DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF ROAD OVER BRIDGE AT RED FORT IN DELHI

Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the iron built road over bridge near Red Fort in Delhi has become dilapidated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have any plan for renovation of the said road over bridge?
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 790 BY SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.07.2009 REGARDING DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF ROAD OVER BRIDGE AT RED FORT IN DELHI

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): It has been decided to construct a new bridge on replacement account. Accordingly, a work of 'New Bridge (13x61m) over Yamuna in lieu of Bridge No. 249 on Delhi-Delhi Shahadra' of Northern Railway was sanctioned in 1997-98.

(d): Estimated cost of new Bridge is approx. Rs. 80 cr and an expenditure of approx. Rs. 37.48 cr has been incurred upto March 09. 9 out of 14 piers of new bridge have been completed upto March 09. New Bridge is being constructed at a distance of 30 meters towards north of existing Bridge. The track on west end approach of the new Bridge passes through the corner of the land of Swatantrata Sainani Smarak (Salimgarh Fort). However, it does not pass through Red Fort. The track is crossing Salimgarh Fort wall. As the new Bridge is being constructed 30 meters away from the existing Bridge, the track alignment on the approaches is also required to be diverted. This leads to change in the location where track is crossing the Fort wall (near top of the wall). About 1000 sqm. of the corner area of the land will be required for diverting the alignment. In a meeting held on 26th March, 2004, the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture, after considering the inescapability in public interest, had agreed for exchange of 1000 sqm. of ASI land as per the proposed alignment. However, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in their letter dated 19.05.06 have raised objections, particularly, in view of a new opening to be made near the top of the Fort wall for passing the tracks. The issue has been taken up by Ministry of Railways with Ministry of Culture to find a solution in view of the importance of construction of the new Bridge. ASI have recently asked for cultural and heritage impact assessment

(e): Does not arise.