

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:739
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013
SCRAP OF OLD BRIDGES
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to sell various old bridges as scrap in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways had to put off their decision with regard to certain bridges owing to public outcry; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 739 BY SHRI R. THAMARASELVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING SCRAP OF OLD BRIDGES

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, the unserviceable released parts of the bridges namely steel girders etc. are sold as scrap to realize the value for released material.

(c) & (d): Presently, there is a proposal to dispose off the released steel girders of old Godavari bridge (Havelock bridge) at Rajahmundry across Godavari River on South Central Railway which has been abandoned after commissioning of new bridge in the year 1997. However, following the representations from the elected representatives, the proposal to dispose off the released steel girders of abandoned old Godavari bridge has been kept in abeyance till further decision in the matter.

Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has requested for utilisation of this bridge as "Integrated Tourism development project" and the matter is under correspondence with the State Government. Further, recently Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India has also shown interest in utilizing the above abandoned old Godavari bridge for tourism purpose.