

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3640
ANSWERED ON:13.02.2014
RENOVATION OF OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified old railway bridges across the country requiring renovation and reconstruction;
- (b) if so, the details of such dilapidated bridges, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have chalked out any plan for reconstruction of such bridges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3640 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE AND SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2014 REGARDING RENOVATION OF OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES

- (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) There is no dilapidated railway bridge on Indian Railway system. However, there are certain railway bridges on Railway system which show signs of deterioration of physical condition indicating the need for their rehabilitation through special repairs, strengthening or rebuilding etc. These railway bridges are classified as distressed bridges. Priority is given to early rehabilitation/rebuilding/strengthening of these distressed bridges. As on 01.04.2013, there are 16 distressed bridges on Indian railway system. The information on Railway Bridges is maintained zone-wise and not State/UT-wise. The zone wise breakup of distressed bridges is as under:

Railway	Eastern	East Central	East Coast	Northern	North
	Railway	Railway	Railway	Central	
		Railway			

No. of 1 2 1 2 1
distressed
Bridges

Railway	Southern	South	South East	Western
	Railway	Central	Central	Railway
		Railway		

No. of 1 5 2 1
distressed
Bridges

Total: 16

- (c) & (d) Rehabilitation/rebuilding/strengthening of Bridges is a continuous process on Indian Railways. As on 01.04.2013, 3426

Railway bridges (including distressed bridges) are sanctioned for rebuilding/ rehabilitation/ strengthening, which include bridges of all ages. During 2013-14, 591 bridges are targeted for rehabilitation including 14 distressed bridges and upto December 2013, 508 bridges have been rehabilitated including 8 distressed bridges. In the current financial year, in the Revised Estimate, the funds allocated for the purpose of rebuilding/ rehabilitation/strengthening of railway bridges are Rs.382.69 crores (Gross) and the

expenditure upto December'2013 is approx Rs. 282.07 crores (Gross).

(e) Does not arise.