

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2305  
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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the policy of Railways for the modernisation of bridges;
- (b) the number and details of proposals received / approved in this regard;
- (c) whether the proposal for expansion and modernisation of the railway bridge at Bajaj Chowk near Wardha Railway Station has been approved; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the work is expected to be completed for the benefit of the common people?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Repair/strengthening/rehabilitation/rebuilding/upgrading of bridges is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during the regular inspections. At present 2885 railway bridges have been sanctioned for strengthening/rehabilitation/rebuilding at a cost of Rs.2800 crore (approx.)

(c) & (d) There is one Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Bajaj Chowk near Wardha Railway station. This bridge was constructed at the cost of the State Government. Proposal for expansion/modernisation of this ROB, if needed, has to be initiated and sponsored by the State Government of Maharashtra under deposit terms. No such proposal has been received from the State Government.