

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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Yamuna Bridge Replacement

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

- (a) whether the railway has a plan to construct a replacement bridge at the site of existing bridge on Yamuna;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the replacement bridge is likely to pass through Salimgarh Fort, a part of Red Fort;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has made an indication about the damage to the structure of the Fort and its losing the status of world heritage; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Railway has planned to construct a new railway bridge across River Yamuna in lieu of existing Yamuna bridge. The new bridge is planned at 30 metres upstream on north side of the existing bridge on Delhi-Delhi Shahdara section of Northern Railway.

(c) to (f): As per the original planning, the alignment of new Yamuna Bridge was passing through the corner of the vacant land of Salimgarh Fort. Initially Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) agreed to transfer this land to Railways. However, later on ASI refused to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) on the ground that Salimgarh Fort was under the process of inclusion in the heritage list of UNESCO.

Based on the advice of ASI, Railway has revised the alignment which does not affect Salimgarh Fort. The NOC for the revised alignment has been issued by National Monument Authority (NMA).

Accordingly, as per the revised alignment, action for construction of new bridge has been taken by the Railway. The detailed design for new location has been finalized.

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