

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1479  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

**RENOVATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES**

**1479. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:**

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

**(a) the number of Railway bridges in various zones of Indian Railways, Zone-wise;**

**(b) whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the present condition, repair and renovation of bridges, if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for reconstruction/strengthening of rail bridges, State-wise especially in the backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof as on date; and**

**(d) the funds allocated and utilised for the said schemes during the last three years and the current financial year along with status of such bridges?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1479 BY DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING RENOVATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES**

**(a): As on 01.04.2021 there are 1,55,278 Bridges on Indian Railways' Network. Zone-wise details of Railway Bridges are appended.**

**(b) & (c): Safety of Bridges across the country including the backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra is accorded high priority by Indian Railways. Railways follow a well established system of inspection & monitoring of each bridge twice a year, once before the onset of monsoon and once after monsoon by the designated officials. After inspection, every bridge is assigned an Overall Rating Number (ORN) and based on the ORN of bridge, Repair/Rehabilitation/Rebuilding/Strengthening is undertaken, which is an ongoing process. Each year, bridges are identified for Repairing/Rebuilding/Rehabilitation/Strengthening based on priority of repair required depending on their physical condition and functionality.**

**(d): The details of funds allocated and utilized for the Repair/Rehabilitation/Rebuilding/Strengthening of the bridge during the last three years and the current financial year are as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund allotment (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Expenditure (₹ in Crore)</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>565.18</b>	<b>539.80</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>784.05</b>	<b>785.55</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>777.00</b>	<b>781.50</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>216.88 (up to June, 21)</b>

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**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1479 BY DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING RENOVATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES**

**(a): Zone-wise details of Railway Bridges**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Zonal Railways</b>	<b>Nos of bridges (as on 01.04.2021)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>10,856</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>5,089</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>7,654</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>11,863</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>20,284</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>6,962</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>North Eastern Railway</b>	<b>4,327</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>7,610</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>North Western Railway</b>	<b>7,237</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>17,243</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>16,610</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>7,803</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>South East Central Railway</b>	<b>5,237</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>8,768</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>10,233</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>West Central Railway</b>	<b>7,502</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,55,278</b>

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