

- (ii) M/s. Kaytx Industries Limited, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab. Action taken: Recovery has been effected.

Further, both the Firms have been restricted for further extension as approved vendor.

- (e) Supply contract for steel structures are not awarded by Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE) directly to steel manufacturers.

Dilapidated rail bridges

2067. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bridges in the Indian Railway network and the date of their construction, State-wise;
- (b) whether many bridges of the Railways are in bad condition and it is necessary to refurbish them immediately or construct new bridges in their place;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, division-wise and the action taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether Government has given heritage status to some of these bridges and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) As on 01.04.2018, there are 1,47,523 Railway bridges of varying ages on Indian Railways' network. The information on bridges is maintained Zone-wise and not State-wise. The Zone-wise breakup is as under:

Zonal Railway	No. of Bridges more than 100 years	No. of Bridges less than 100 years	Total no. of bridges
1	2	3	4
Central	4425	5893	10318
Eastern	3076	1952	5028
East Central	2754	4780	7534
East Coast	933	9654	10587
Northern	8767	11044	19811
North Central	2254	4540	6794

1	2	3	4
North Eastern	596	3362	3958
Northeast Frontier	219	7096	7315
North Western	871	5567	6438
Southern	2634	14985	17619
South Central	3040	11298	14338
South Eastern	2219	5342	7561
South East Central	919	4086	5005
South Western	191	7301	7492
Western	2937	7684	10621
West Central	1854	5250	7104

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, on Indian Railways, repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of Railway bridges is a continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections. All bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed. During last five years (2013-14 to 2017-18), a total of 3758 Railway bridges have been repaired / strengthened / rehabilitated / rebuilt on Indian Railways. As on 01.04.2018, a total of 4027 Railway bridges are sanctioned for repairing/ strengthening/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding.

(d) All the Railway bridges in Kalka - Shimla section (842 bridges) and Pathankot - Joginder Nagar section (1074 bridges) in Northern Railway have been given heritage status. Besides this, 27 more bridges on Indian Railways have also been given heritage status.

Renovation of dilapidated rail bridges

2068. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of railway bridges in the country have outlived their life span and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that renovation work of these bridges and safety of passengers is being compromised and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to undertake renovation work of these bridges; and