

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 763
ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FLOODING OF RAILWAY TRACKS

763. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any precautionary measures to avoid accidents that occur due to flooding and washing away of railway tracks during rains under all the railway zones in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the works for the maintenance of railway bridges and culverts have been completed before the starting of the rainy season;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has made any arrangement for constant monitoring of railway tracks and bridges to avoid such accidents; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 763 BY SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.12.2021 REGARDING PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FLOODING OF RAILWAY TRACKS.

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. To avoid accidents due to flooding etc., adequate measures are taken by Railways, prior to monsoon as per the prevailing guidelines to avoid/minimize damage to railway property and for early restoration of the assets. The measures taken include Monsoon Patrolling in identified sections, identification of vulnerable locations and deployment of stationary watchmen at such locations, joint inspection of Railway Affecting Works (canals, reservoirs, tanks etc.) with concerned State Government Authorities, keeping adequate monsoon reserves such as boulders, quarry dust, relieving girders etc. at suitable locations and loaded in wagons for early restoration of the affected sites, maintaining close liaison with local authorities for monitoring of excess release of water from reservoir/dams, maintaining close liaison with the concerned Regional Meteorological Centres for updated weather information, regular cleaning of side drains and catch water drains, cleaning and desilting of railway culverts etc.

Based upon inspections, Railways undertake maintenance/repair/rehabilitation of all bridges/culverts to ensure safe train movement at permitted speed, which is a continuous process.

Railways undertake regular monitoring of railway tracks and bridges as per laid down system which, inter alia, includes daily monitoring by Keyman, deployment of stationary watchmen at vulnerable locations and mobile patrolling during monsoon.
