GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3003
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024

REPAIR/RECONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES

3003 # SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway bridges in the country that are in dilapidated condition and are jeopardizing the movement of trains;

(b) whether Government has made any plan to repair/rebuild the said bridges; and

(c) if so, the details of such dilapidated railway bridges in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra and by when the work of their repair/reconstruction would be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) There is a well established system of inspection of railway bridges on Indian Railways. All the railway bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon. In addition, certain railway bridges are also inspected more frequently depending upon their condition. Repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of railway bridges is a continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections. All railway bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.

The information on railway bridges is maintained Zone–wise and not State–wise. Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are covered under Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway, North Central Railway, East Central Railway, Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway, South Western Railway and Western Railway.

During last three years, 5,405 nos of railway bridges were repaired / rehabilitated/ strengthened /rebuild in Indian Railway which includes 2,788 nos of railway bridges in above mentioned nine Zonal Railways.

As on 01.04.2024, 9,784 nos of railway bridges are sanctioned for repairs/ strengthening/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding on Indian Railway.

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