

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 573
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

PERIODIC INSPECTION OF RAILWAYS BRIDGES

573 DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of Railway Bridges on Indian Railways network of varying years of construction as on 30th September, 2024, State-wise;
- (b) whether all bridges are maintained in good physical condition irrespective of their span of durability through periodic inspection and repairs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether all bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 573 BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.11.2024 REGARDING PERIODIC INSPECTION OF RAILWAYS BRIDGES.

(a) to (c): As on 01.04.2024, there are 1,63,810 number of Railway Bridges on Indian Railways' Network of varying ages. The list of bridges are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not state-wise.

All Bridges are maintained in good physical condition irrespective of its age by periodic inspection & repairs. There is an established system of inspection of Railway bridges on IR. Annual Inspection of all the bridges is conducted to ascertain the physical condition of the bridge and repairs / rehabilitation measures are taken up wherever required. Detailed technical inspection of identified bridges is carried out as per specified frequency by designated officials.

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 bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.
