

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
RECRUITMENT OF RAILWAY STAFF .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to recruit more than 65,000 railway staff in safety related area and even could not utilize the fund allocated for railway safety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of kilometres of railway track needed to be replaced and the number of railway bridges needed to be replaced; and
- (d) the time-frame for completion of the works?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The process for recruitment is at different stages in various Railway Recruitment Boards / Zonal Railways. A Special Railway Safety Fund was set up with an allocation of Rs. 17,000 crores in 2001-02. This Fund has since been closed after utilization of the funds for safety related works.

(c): Track renewal is a continuous activity and as soon as track become due for renewal based on age-cum-condition, it is processed for sanction. 3840 kms of track renewal were completed during the year 2009-10 and 3500 kms of track have been targeted for renewal during the year 2010-11. As on 01.04.2010, number of railway bridges required to be rebuilt / strengthened / rehabilitated on Indian Railways are 3960, out of which 1347 bridges are planned to be rebuilt/ strengthened/ rehabilitated during 2010-11. Upto September, 2010, 491 bridges have already been rebuilt/ strengthened/ rehabilitated on Indian Railways.

(d): As Track renewal is a continuous activity being taken up every year, no time frame as such is applicable. All the 3960 bridges as on 01.04.2010 are expected to be completed in about 3 to 4 years.