

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

RENOVATION OF RAIL BRIDGES IN SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY .

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of Railway Bridges, which are over 100 years old are unsafe and need to be rehabilitated by the South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Railways to rehabilitate the old bridges in South Central Railway?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) and (b): As on 1.4.2010, there are 13,705 bridges on South Central Railway, out of which 4,457 bridges are more than 100 years old. No bridge on South Central Railway is unsafe. The physical condition of each bridge is systematically monitored by designated field officials at various levels and bridges requiring rehabilitation/strengthening/rebuilding are identified. Based on such identification of bridges, allotment of funds is made annually to carry out their rehabilitation/strengthening/ rebuilding, duly prioritizing the works as per requirement. Number of bridges on South Central Railway which have been rehabilitated/ rebuilt/ strengthened in last five years are as below:

Year	No. of bridges
2005-06	77
2006-07	80
2007-08	83
2008-09	66
2009-10	80

During 2010-11, 91 number of bridges have been planned for rehabilitation/ strengthening/rebuilding out of which, 54 bridges have already been rehabilitated/ strengthened/rebuilt upto September 2010.