

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6244  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017**

**REPAIR OF ROB<sub>s</sub>/RUB<sub>s</sub>**

**6244. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a well-established system of inspection of railway bridges in Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the funds allocated for repairing / strengthening / reconstruction of bridges during the last three years and the next year, zone-wise;**
- (c) whether any inspections are carried out by Railways in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for strengthening of railway bridges?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6244 BY KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.04.2017 REGARDING REPAIR OF ROBS/RUBS**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. There is a well-established system of inspection of railway bridges in Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon by the Divisional officials. In addition, certain 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 and not on the basis of age. If the corrective / remedial measures are expected to take a long duration due to the complexity of the site situation, etc., suitable safety measures like imposing speed restrictions and keeping such bridge under close watch are taken till the bridge is repaired / strengthened / rehabilitated / rebuilt.**

**The zone-wise break-up of the funds allocated for repairing / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of railway bridges during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17) and the current year (2017-18) are as under:**

Zonal Railway	Budget Allotment (₹ in crores)			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Central	17.64	13.40	18.90	40.29
Eastern	106.01	85.59	91.57	81.62
East Central	62.65	75.40	115.87	132.70
East Coast	22.75	21.53	18.74	20.12
Northern	23.84	34.07	40.58	76.62
North Central	13.35	15.13	14.89	27.23
North Eastern	25.69	20.25	28.43	31.15
Northeast Frontier	18.24	18.87	23.48	42.27
North Western	10.50	20.09	21.07	16.19
Southern	27.00	47.38	61.61	71.51
South Central	18.30	25.77	23.81	30.96
South Eastern	21.87	17.31	19.33	38.90
South East Central	12.04	11.37	13.32	21.33
South Western	28.17	28.20	28.72	28.50
Western	29.13	27.76	33.61	42.74
West Central	27.86	29.27	37.98	39.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>465.03</b>	<b>491.39</b>	<b>591.91</b>	<b>741.41</b>

**As on 01.04.2016, 2781 railway bridges are sanctioned for repair / strengthening / rehabilitation /rebuilding.**

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