

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2748
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

DAMAGED RAILWAY TRACKS

2748. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway tracks have been damaged between Kottavalasa and Kirandul in Andhra Pradesh recently, leading to major disruptions of traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was any alternate route to run railway traffic and meet tourists demands in that sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether inspections were not done of this hilly terrain by the railways; and

(e) if so, the inspections and route strengthening proposed to avoid disruption of rail services in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) Due to continuous and heavy rainfall, on 06.10.2017, a huge rock mass (boulder) slipped and damaged one Pier of Bridge No. 249 resulting in a major disruption of traffic between Chimidpalli and Borraguhalu stations in Kottavalasa – Koraput Section. The bridge was restored by construction of new Pier and the traffic was restored in the section on 10.12.2017.

(c) The alternate route to run traffic from Visakhapatnam to Kirandul is Visakhapatnam-Vizianagram Junction-Rayagada-Korapur-Kirandul. On this route, passenger train no. 08511/12 and 58501/02 were running till restoration of bridge.

(d) & (e) Indian Railways have a system of scheduled inspections by Railway officials which, inter alia, includes daily inspection by Keyman, inspections of track, bridges, tunnels, cuttings etc. at stipulated periodicity by various designated officials and measurement/monitoring of track parameters by Track Recording Cars (TRCs) and Oscillation Monitoring Systems (OMS) for safe running of traffic.

The cuttings, tunnels and bridges of this Kottavalasa and Kirandul section are regularly inspected as per laid down schedule by the designated officials.

A number of protection works such as construction of retaining walls, catch water drains, wire rope netting, rock bolting, etc have also been taken up to further strengthen the slopes etc.
