

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 877  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**REPAIR OF OLD BRIDGES**

**†877. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Railway Board has recently conducted a survey to ascertain the condition of railway bridges in the country and has cautioned about negligence in the repair of bridges;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the public representatives and others regarding construction/repair of railway bridges; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**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. 877 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2017 REGARDING REPAIR OF OLD BRIDGES**

**(a) & (b): There is a well established system of inspection of bridges on Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon. 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. All bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.**

**(c) & (d) The requests for inspection / repair / maintenance of railway bridges are received at various levels. This is a continuous process for which no compendium is maintained. Moreover, as mentioned in reply to parts (a) & (b) above, the repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of railway bridges is prioritized and carried out based on safety consideration only.**

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