

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

AUDIT OF FOBS

1862. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways has decided to conduct audit of Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that the Railways has decided to replace FOBs by escalators wherever this option suits; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a) & (b): Safety department of Indian Railways conducts safety audits to ensure adherence of safe working system through an Inter-Departmental Team. This entails intra-zonal audits once in two months and inter-zonal safety audits/inspections once every six months. This is a regular exercise being conducted every year, the results of which are shared with the concerned departments for improvement. Recently, a multidisciplinary audit team has also audited the existing infrastructure of the stations of Mumbai Suburban.

(c) & (d): In order to facilitate easy movement of passengers and for smooth access to platforms at major railway stations, escalators have been planned at all 'A-1', 'A' & 'C' category stations with footfall of 25,000 and above and stations of tourist importance.
