

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

REPLACEMENT / MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS BRIDGES

† 2350. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rail bridges reported to be in dilapidated condition in Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any action to replace these bridges or modernise them; and**
- (c) if so, the details of funds provided during the last two years to replace these bridges for saving the lives of the people?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2350 BY DR. KRISHAN PRATAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING REPLACEMENT / MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS BRIDGES

(a) to (c): Information on bridges is maintained Zone-wise and not State-wise. Uttar Pradesh is covered under East Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and West Central Railway. There is no bridge in dilapidated condition in all the concerned zones covering Uttar Pradesh. However, as on 01.04.2018, a total of 1369 bridges in the above five zones have been sanctioned for repair / strengthening / rehabilitation etc. Funds of ₹ 239.10 Crore and ₹ 295.62 Crore were allocated for repair / strengthening / rehabilitation etc. of bridges in the above five zones, covering Uttar Pradesh, for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

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 etc. 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.
