

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3875
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

ACCIDENTS DUE TO RAINS/FLOODING

†3875. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any precautionary measures to avoid accidents that occur due to flooding and washing away of railway tracks during rains under all the railway zones in the country along with Jabalpur railway zone in west-central railway zone and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the works for the maintenance of railway bridges and culverts have been completed before the starting of the rainy season;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has made any arrangement for constant monitoring of railway tracks and bridges to avoid such accidents; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a): Yes, Sir. To avoid accidents due to flooding etc., adequate measures are taken by railways, in all the zones including West Central Railway, in advance as per the prevailing guidelines to avoid/minimize damage to railway property and for early restoration of the assets. The measures taken include Monsoon Patrolling in identified sections, identification of vulnerable locations and deployment of stationary watchmen at such locations, joint inspection of

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Railway Affecting Works (canals, reservoirs, tanks etc.) with concerned State Government Authorities, keeping adequate monsoon reserves such as boulders, quarry dust, relieving girders etc. at suitable locations and loaded in wagons for early restoration of the affected sites, maintaining close liaison with local authorities for monitoring of excess release of water from reservoir/dams, maintaining close liaison with the concerned Regional Meteorological Centres for updated weather information, regular cleaning of side drains and catch water drains, cleaning and desilting of railway culverts etc.

(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Based upon inspections, all Zonal Railways have completed the maintenance for all bridges / culverts. All bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. Railway has undertaken monitoring of railway tracks as per laid down system which, inter alia, includes daily monitoring by Keyman, deployment of stationary watchmen at vulnerable locations including bridges and mobile patrolling during monsoon.
