

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

MAINTENANCE OF FOBs

933. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a number of cases in regard to collapse of Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) in and around railway lines and stations in the recent past;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;**
- (c) whether Railways has done audit of FOBs in railway stations and along railway lines in the recent past;**
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;**
- (e) the number of persons who lost their lives and got injured in these incidents; and**
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that regular monitoring and maintenance of FOBs is undertaken for safety and security of railway passengers and passers-by?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): There is only one case of collapse of a portion of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) in and around railway station in last 3 years. Floor beam of span No. 1 covering platform no. 1 & 2 of FOB-1 at Ballarshah station in Chandrapur District (Maharashtra) collapsed on 27.11.2022.

(c) & (d): There is a well-established system of inspection of Foot Over bridges on Indian Railways and governed by Indian Railway Works Manual. Periodical inspection is conducted by designated Railway officials.

Repair/strengthening /Rehabilitation/ Rebuilding of foot over bridges is a continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections.

As a result of such inspection/safety audits the Repair/ Strengthening/ Rehabilitation/ Rebuilding of Railway foot over bridges is prioritized and carried out based on physical condition and safety considerations.

(e): In the above incident, nine persons got minor injury, nine persons got grievously injured and one of them died during treatment.

(f): Zonal Railways are carrying out prescribed periodical inspections and special safety drive on all FOBs and taking remedial measures.
