

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1774
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

STRENGTHENING OF OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†1774. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

- (a) the details of number of old railway bridges in the country especially in backward and rural areas as on date which need to be strengthened and rebuilt; and**
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to strengthen and rebuild old and damaged bridges in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1774 BY SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES

(a) & (b): As on 01.04.2023 there are total 1,58,064 number of Railway Bridges on Indian Railways' Network. All Bridges are maintained in good physical condition irrespective of its age by periodic inspection & repairs. There is a well-established system of inspection of Railway bridges on IR.

There is a separate plan Head (PH-32) to sanction the repairs/strengthening/rehabilitation/rebuilding of Railway bridges on the basis of inspection of bridges. The proposals initiated by Zonal Railway are sanctioned under annual works programme and requisite funds are allotted for execution of works.
