

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2972
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY BRIDGES AND TRACKS

**†2972. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for strict monitoring of railway bridges and tracks with a view to maintain foolproof arrangements during the monsoon;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that the railway tracks are free from waterlogging and the functioning of signal system does not get affected during the rains; and**
- (c) the special measures being taken for increasing the patrolling to ensure the proper operation of the signal system at all the sensitive places, particularly on those railway tracks where there is heavy traffic every day?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 2972 BY SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA, SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL AND SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY BRIDGES AND TRACKS

(a) to (c) There is an established system of inspection of Railway Bridges and tracks on Indian Railways. The inspection of the Railway track is undertaken by designated officials at a specified frequency. In addition to prescribed schedule for regular maintenance following measures are taken during monsoon to ensure proper functioning of signaling system:-

- (i) Drainage system in yards is improved by cleaning of yard drains.**
- (ii) Identified vulnerable locations for failure of track circuits are attended in advance.**
- (iii) Joint inspection of points & track circuits are conducted by track & signaling officials and remedial measures are taken.**
- (iv) Axle counter is provided in identified areas vulnerable for water logging.**

Special precautions such as the introduction of monsoon patrolling in identified sections, deployment of watchmen at vulnerable locations, special patrolling of track in case of heavy rains are taken during monsoon. Liasoning is done with concerned Regional Meteorological Centres for updated weather information and with District authorities for getting information regarding release of excess water from reservoirs/dams.
