

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3733
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY BRIDGES

3733. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has evolved any parameters for reconstruction/strengthening of railway bridges in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the funds allocated/earmarked for the said purpose in the current financial year, zone-wise including the tribal areas of the country;**
- (d) whether any inspections are carried out by the Railways in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for strengthening the railway bridges?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3733 BY SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF RAILWAY BRIDGES

(a) to (e): As on 01.04.2019, there are 1,50,746 Railway Bridges on Indian Railways' network. There is a well-established system of inspection of railway bridges in Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon by the designated officials. After inspection, every bridge is assigned an Overall Rating Number (ORN) and based on the ORN of bridge Rebuilding/Strengthening is undertaken. The data are maintained Zonal Railway wise and not area-wise. The Zone-wise, including tribal area, a total of ₹ 809.05 crore is allocated as under:

Zonal Railways	Central	Eastern	East Central	East Coast	Northern	North Central	North Eastern	Northeast Frontier
Fund allocated (₹ in crore)	83.50	70.70	71.06	40.22	67.51	31.55	24.67	69.04

Zonal Railways	North Western	Southern	South Central	South Eastern	South East Central	South Western	Western	West Central
Fund allocated (₹ in crore)	26.64	48.39	49.25	46.66	14.28	23.64	78.31	56.61
