MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new scheme has been initiated by the Government for the modernisation of railway bridges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for the said scheme in Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRIR PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

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(a) to (c): The modernisation of bridges through process of regular inspections, necessary repair/strengthening/rehabilitation is accorded high priority in Indian Railways and there is a well established system of inspection of bridges on Indian Railways. Various modern technologies like Drone Survey, 3D Scanning of Riverbeds and Water Level Monitoring have been adopted and being used for the inspection of the bridges so that necessary repair/strengthening/rehabilitation is planned in advance.

Information on bridges is maintained Zone-Wise and not State-Wise. Gujarat is covered under North Western Railway and Western Railway. As on 01.04.2019 a fund of ₹ 126 crore has been allocated for repair/strengthening/rehabilitation etc. of bridges in the above two Zones, also covering Gujarat.

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