

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1398
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES IN THE COUNTRY

1398 SMT. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of 75 to 100 years old Railway Bridges in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any regular health audit have been conducted on those old railway bridges; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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. 1398 BY SMT. MALA ROY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) to (c): As on 01.04.2024, there are 1,63,810 number of Railway Bridges on Indian Railways' Network of varying ages.

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. Annual Inspection of all the bridges is conducted to ascertain the physical condition of the bridge and repairs / rehabilitation measures are taken up wherever required. Detailed technical inspection of identified bridges is carried out on specified frequency by designated technical officials. In addition, certain bridges are also inspected more frequently depending upon their condition.

Repair / strengthening / rehabilitation / rebuilding of railway bridges is a continuous process and is undertaken whenever so warranted by their physical condition as ascertained during these inspections and not on the basis of age. All bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.
