GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3121 TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 07, 2025

COLLAPSE OF BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES

NO. 3121. SHRI E T MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many buildings including hospitals have collapsed due to structural wear and tear which have taken lives of several people;
- (b) whether the Government has data on the number of buildings and bridges that have collapsed across the country during each of the last five years;
- (c) if so, the details of such incidents including the number of casualties and the damage caused, State-wise;
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to address this issue; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen structural safety standards and ensure regular inspections to prevent such collapses in the future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) to (c): No such incidents occurred in works under Central Public Works Department (CPWD), a principal engineering organization under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Besides no such incidents are reported to have occurred in central government hospitals under the administrative control of Hospital Division of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, as reported by Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways (MoRTH), there have been a few incidences of collapse of bridges on National Highways in the country. The details of collapse of bridges during the last 5 years including the live lost are at Annexure. (d) & (e): All infrastructure works under CPWD are executed based on approved vetted structural drawings as per relevant Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) codes and are regularly inspected as per provisions of CPWD Works Manual & Maintenance Manual. As regards the bridges maintained by MoRTH, they carry out condition survey of existing bridges as part of preparation of detailed project report for National Highway (NH) development works for a section of NH and repair/rehabilitation/reconstruction of existing bridges are taken up as part of corridor development project. MoRTH has also issued guidelines for bridge inspection and condition survey of the existing bridges followed by appropriate repair/rehabilitation/reconstruction based on nature and severity of distresses.

Annexure in reply to (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3121 regarding "Collapses of Buildings and Bridges" for answer on 07.08.2025

Details of Bridges Collapsed on National Highways during last 5 years

	Name of the State	Number of Bridges collapsed	Number of loss of
S.No	/UT	on NH	life
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0
3	Assam	1	1
4	Bihar	4	2
5	Haryana	2	0
6	Himachal Pradesh	2	0
7	Karnataka	1	0
8	Madhya Pradesh	1	0
9	Maharashtra	2	0
10	Manipur	2	0
11	Meghalaya	2	0
12	Odisha	4	0
13	Sikkim	1	0
14	Tamil Nadu	3	1
15	Uttar Pradesh	1	0
16	West Bengal	4	0
17	Delhi	1	1
	Jammu and	1	0
18	Kashmir	•	U
	Total	34	5