

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 8
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

RAIL BRIDGES

†*8. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Railway bridges in various zones of Indian Railways, Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the useful life, repair and renovation of bridges, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for reconstruction/strengthening of rail bridges, State-wise especially in the backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof as on date; and**
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised for the said schemes during the last three years and the current financial year along with status of such bridges?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 BY SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2016 REGARDING RAILWAY BRIDGES

(a): As on 01/04/2015, there are 1,38,912 railway bridges on Indian Railways.

Zone-wise breakup is as under:

Zonal Railway	Central	Eastern	East Central	East Coast	Northern	North Central	North Eastern	Northeast Frontier
No. of bridges	9963	4710	7347	9398	18521	5594	3842	6650

Zonal Railway	North Western	Southern	South Central	South Eastern	South East Central	South Western	Western	West Central
No. of bridges	5892	16014	14386	7461	5212	7241	10620	6061

(b) & (c): Inspection and maintenance of bridges includes assessment of its life, and repair /renovation thereof is a continuous process. There is a well established system of inspection of railway bridges on Indian Railways. All the bridges are inspected twice a year - once before the onset of monsoon and once after the monsoon. Repair/ strengthening/ rehabilitation or rebuilding of the bridges is planned if the condition of the bridge so warrants. The work is taken up through Works Programme and in urgent cases through out-of-turn sanction.

As on 01.04.2015, 2534 railway bridges are sanctioned for repair/ strengthening/rehabilitation/rebuilding. Information on Railway Bridges is maintained zone-wise and not State-wise. Zone-wise details are as under*:

Zonal Railway	Central	Eastern	East Central	East Coast	Northern	North Central	North Eastern	Northeast Frontier
No. of bridges sanctioned	164	239	445	100	191	61	8	97

Zonal Railway	North Western	Southern	South Central	South Eastern	South East Central	South Western	Western	West Central
No. of bridges sanctioned	110	160	225	159	34	72	250	219

***Note: Maharashtra is covered in Central Railway, Western Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and South Western Railway.**

(d): Number of bridges repaired/strengthened/rehabilitated/rebuilt and funds allocated/spent for the same during last three years & current financial year are as under:

Year	No. of bridges repaired / strengthened / rehabilitated/rebuilt	Budget Allocation (RE) (in crores of ₹)	Expenditure (in crores of ₹)
2012-13	806	339.67	322.18
2013-14	739	382.69	390.19
2014-15	672	465.03	434.11
2015-16	596 (upto Jan'16)	491.39	341.78 (upto Jan'16)
