

(c) In order to ensure use of good quality materials for bridge construction, standard specifications already

exist on all the zonal Railways and these are strictly followed in construction of bridges.

**Statement**

*Railway Bridges washed away during the recent floods.*

S. No.	Particulars of Bridge	Section on which located
<i>Eastern Railway</i>		
1.	Bridge No. 125 consisting of 3 x 54' girder spans (Only one of the abutments was washed away).	Birdwan-Kiulvia Sahibganj (B.G.)
2.	Bridge No. 56 consisting of 1 x 20' girder span.	Krishannagar-Lalgola (B.G.)
3.	Bridge No. 11 consisting of 4 x 12' arch spans.	Bhingara-Palasthali (B.G.)
4.	Bridge No. 54 consisting of 1 x 10' arch span.	Barkakana loop line (B.G.)
5.	Bridge No. 42 consisting of 14 x 40' & 4 X 60' girder spans.	Ahmedpur-Katwa N.G. line. This line is owned by a private company.
<i>Northern Railway</i>		
6.	Bridge No. 411 consisting of 1 x 60' & 1 x 100' girder spans.	Chopan-Chunar (B.G.)
7.	Bridge No. 233 consisting of 1 x 10' arch span.	Delhi-Ghaziabad (B.G.)
<i>South Eastern Railway</i>		
8.	One 10' span R.C.C. slab bridge.	Howrah-Kharagpur (B.G.)

**Proposal to give more powers to R.P.F. to check crimes in Trains**

248. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:  
SHRI V. G. HANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to arm the Railways Protection Force (RPF) with powers of the Police for effectively checking crimes in running trains and stations;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of State Governments; and

(c) whether State Governments have threatened to withdraw the existing police personnel on railway duty (GRP), if the Railway did not fully reimburse the expenditure incurred on them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Scarcity of diesel in Jabalpur and Seoni District**

249. SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in October, 1978 there has been an acute scarcity of diesel in Jabalpur and Seoni District of Madhya Pradesh causing great distress to the cultivators owning tractors;

(b) how was this scarcity caused and what steps were taken to fight