

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4217  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

**NUMBER OF DILAPIDATED RAILWAY BRIDGES**

**† 4217. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of dilapidated railway bridges in the country which pose threat to train operations thereupon;**
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to repair/rebuilt the said bridges;**
- (c) if so, the number of such bridges in the districts of Mau, Ghazipur, Gorakhpur, Azamgarh and Ballia in Uttar Pradesh proposed to be repair/rebuilt by the Government; and**
- (d) the time by when the said repair/rebuilding work is likely to get completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d): There is a well established system of inspection of railway bridges on Indian Railways. All the railway bridges are inspected twice a year, one before the onset of monsoon and one detailed inspection after the monsoon. In addition, certain railway 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 railway bridges are safe for train movement at permitted speed.**

**The information on railway bridges is maintained Zone-wise. Uttar Pradesh is covered under East Central Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway and West Central Railway.**

**During 2014-2025 (upto Feb'2025), 14294 nos of railway bridges were repaired / rehabilitated/ strengthened /rebuild in Indian Railway which include 4163 nos of railway bridges in zonal railways covering Uttar Pradesh.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 9784 nos of railway bridges are sanctioned for repairs/ strengthening/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding on Indian Railway which include 2658 nos of railway bridges in zonal railways covering Uttar Pradesh.**

**Completion of Bridge works depends on various factors like preparation of the schemes, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), availability of approach road, duration of working season in a year due to climatic conditions, availability of blocks, imposition of speed restrictions etc.**