

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Railwayover- bridges across Karamana River and Idichakkaplamoodu, near Parassala in Trivandrum - Nagercoil sector is in a dangerous stage; and

(b) if so, the action, the Railway had taken to protect these bridges or construct new bridges in their places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): The left hand side at Trivandrum end of wing wall of Bridge No. 18 across Karamana river (at Railway Kilometerage 224/2-3 in Trivandrum - Nagercoil section having a span of 1 x 12.20m and 2 x 18.30m Girder) had some settlement due to erosion of foundation underneath the wing wall. Repair works to wing wall foundations had been attended by rail piling parallel to the wing wall and dumping boulders in between the rail piles and wing wall and there is no further settlement.

The existing bridge no. 116 (Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Idichakka Plamoodu) at Railway Kilometerage 246/16-17 in Trivandrum - Nagercoil section having a span of 2 x 9.15 & 1 x 6.10m is located over a cutting and this had been affected on account of land slide in this cutting. Provision of a Puckka ROB has been planned after dismantling the existing ROB.