

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERN BRIDGE INSPECTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways has a modern bridge inspection and management system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for imposing safety charges on the railway fares when they are unable to assure safe journey for the passengers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Railway bridges are inspected thoroughly once every year at various levels as per laid down schedule in codes and manuals. These are primarily visual inspections, and elementary tools for inspection are used. Modern system of bridge inspection and management, as are now being implemented in countries abroad, are under study for consideration of implementation on Indian Railways. Preliminary works in this regard has already been done.

(c) Special Railway Safety Fund has been set up to clear the arrears of rehabilitation and rebuilding of over aged assets which include bridges, track, signalling system, mechanical rolling stock etc.