

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5836
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
MANGALORE-CHENNAI MAIL ACCIDENT
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mangalore-Chennai Mail plunged into river near Kozikhode in June, 2001 on account of collapse of the Railway Bridge where doubling of line was in progress;
- (b) whether the strength of the Bridge was not checked before taking up the doubling work;
- (c) whether that bridge was among the 262 bridges of 100 years old weak bridge pointed out by Justice Khanna Committee; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for not taking safety aspect seriously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) & (b): The double line is not being laid on the existing bridge. A new bridge 12 m away from the old bridge is under construction for the double line. There is no link between the accident to Mangalore-Chennai Mail while passing over the old bridge and doubling work.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.