

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIRING OF OLD BRIDGES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether funds from the Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) were allotted for repair of over-aged bridges;
- (b) if so, the total funds allotted for these rail bridges during each of the last three years alongwith the funds spent so far;
- (c) whether the repairing work has been completed on these bridges; and
- (d) if so, the location of such railway bridges where such work has been done, zone-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Funds under Special Railway Safety Fund(SRSF) wereallocated for pulling up back log in arrears of bridge rehabilitation. Allotment & utilization of funds during last two years is as under:

(Figures in crores of Rs.)

YEAR	BUDGET GRANT	EXPENDITURE
2001-02	61.74 (Revised Estimate)	44.15
2002-03	143.3	151.62

In addition to the above, an amount of Rs.217 crores has been allocated for bridge works during year 2003- 04 from Special Railway Safety Fund.

(c) & (d): Bridge works identified under SRSF have been planned to be completed up to 2006-07. Bridge works completed under SRSF during last two years on Indian Railways are as under:

2001-02	-	280
2002-03	-	496
2003-04	-	571 (Target)

Further, about 809 bridges were rebuilt/rehabilitated under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF) during last two years and 1013 bridges are targeted for completion during 2003-04.