

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGES TO WESTERN RAILWAYS
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware about the loss and damages caused by heavy rains to Western Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken/proposed to be taken any measures in this regard to avoid recurrence of such incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Details of damage to the Railway properties after the heavy rains in Mumbai on 26.06.2002 are as under: Western Railway:

- (i) Arch Bridge No. 144 (3 x 12.2m) at km 99/2426 between Palghar & Boisar had collapsed.
- (ii) Wing wall of bridge no. 203 collapsed.
- (iii) Sprandral wall of bridge no. 223 was damaged.
- (iv) Minor breaches at two locations between stations Kelve road and Sanjan on VirarSurat section.
- (v) Signalling equipment like point machine, track circuiting equipment and signalling cables were damaged in Mumbai area. Besides OFC cable & associated equipment were damaged near Arch bridge No. 144 which had collapsed.
- (vi) Minor damages were also caused to the overhead Electrical Traction Equipment.

(c) & (d): The breaches in Western Railway occurred due to unprecedented & unusually heavy downpour combined with high tide of the sea. However, railways take utmost precautions every year by way of patrolling and inspection before ensuing of monsoon to avoid damages.