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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF BRIDGES IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM AND PALGHAT DIVISION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the dilapidated condition of some bridges in Thiruvananthapuram and Palghat division of Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the repair and reconstruction of such dilapidated bridges?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no dilapidated bridge in Thiruvananthapuram and Palghat division of Southern Railway. However, slight damage had occurred to substructure of Bridge No.161 in Thiruvananthapuram-Nagarcoil section and to Bridge No. 873 in Shoranur-Calicut section. The details of damages and corrective measures taken/repairs done to these bridges are as under:

(i) Bridge No.161 was damaged due to illicit sand mining which has been prevented by the Railways by developing watchmen; by doing rail barricading on the down stream side and by dumping boulders around the substructure to improve foundation grip. The State Government of Kerala is also assisting the Railways in protecting the Railway Bridge by seizing the trucks, tempos and boats carrying illegal sand, by banning use of boats near the substructure of the bridge and by taking criminal action against illicit quarrying.

(ii) The square return wall of abutment No. 2 at Calicut end of Bridge No. 873 started bulging slightly. Rail support was given to the bulged return wall. Further, cement concrete wall has also been constructed and the gap filled with earth, pucca pitching and necessary repairs have been done.