

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAIL BRIDGE AT KOVVUR-RAJAHMUNDRY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new rail bridge across the river Godavari at Kowur-Rajahmundry has developed defects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the construction was not upto the required standards; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the bridge?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(d): There is no structural defect in the new rail bridge across the river Godavari at Kowur-Rajahmundry. However, during periodical inspections of the bridge, settlement of one of the piers (pier No. 27) and minor hair cracks on the bottom surface of the top slab of the girder near diaphragms have been noticed. It has been planned to lift the span No.27 and 28 and carry out necessary repairs and this work has already been awarded.

(c): No, Sir. The construction was as per required standards.