

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:563
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003
DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF RAIL BRIDGE ACROSS TIRUR RIVER
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the old rail bridge across the Tirur River at Tirur in Palakkad Railway Division of the Southern Railways is in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) whether the Government of Kerala has brought to the knowledge of the Union Government the report of the Intelligence Wing of the State Police Department regarding the serious situation of the rail bridge;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action, the Government have taken for immediate repair or re-construction of the bridge?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Railway Bridge No.873 (5X19.5 m girder bridge) at Km. 623/900 - 624/00 across river Tirur in Shoranur - Calicut Section of Palghat Division of Southern Railway is not in dilapidated condition. During one of the periodic inspections, slight bulging of the square return wall of abutment No.2 was noticed and action taken to repair and rehabilitate the same. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, through a memorandum dated 20.12.2002, had drawn Government's attention towards the issue. However, the repairs/rehabilitation as required had already been carried out by the Southern Railway.