

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:371
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
DAMAGES TO RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rail bridges washed away or broken by the flood and rains in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) by total loss of lives and Government property damaged therein;
- (c) whether the poor planning and workmanship is the reasons for the said damage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.371 BY SHRI SAIDUZZAMAN ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2002 REGARDING DAMAGES TO RAILWAYS

(a) & (b): Information regarding Railway Bridges is not maintained State-wise, however, it is maintained Railway-wise. There has been no wash away on railway bridges or loss of lives of railway persons due to flood and rains during the last three years. However, Railway-wise details of major damages to railway bridges along with cost due to floods and rains, for the last three years are as under:

Year	Railway	Damage details	Approximate cost of damage/reconstruction (in Lakh)
1999-2000	Northeast Frontier	The Lumding end abutment and adjoining pier of Br.No.331 (9x18.3m) on Lumding-Furkating (BG) section was damaged.	746.00
2000-2001	South Central	Br.No.194 (3x12.19m) (Up&Dn) on Kazipet-Ballarshah section was damaged	695.24
	Eastern	16 bridges were damaged in Krishnanagar-Lalgola section and portion of Sahebganj.	1479.00
2001-2002	South Central	Br.No.415 (4x7.62m) on Reingunta-Guntakal section was damaged	242.01
	Northeast Frontier	Br.No.339 (1x4.57m) on New Bongaigaon-Jogighopa-Kamakhya (BG) section was damaged	230.00
	South Eastern	Br.No.7 (8x150 ft.) on Jharsuguda-Sambalpur section was damaged	1592.00

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Railways take all precautionary measures to protect its bridges, track and other assets from floods and rains by means of advance patrolling, conducting periodic inspections and advance stocking of materials as monsoon reserves to meet any unforeseen emergency during natural calamities.