

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1667  
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2002  
COLLAPSE OF RAILWAY BRIDGE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether collapse, break down of Railway bridge near Mumbai at Baysai has disrupted the Western Railway traffic for 15 days;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the loss suffered by the railways thereby;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Traffic on Virar-Surat section of Western Railway was disrupted during the period 26.06.2002 to 09.07.2002 due to break down of Railway bridge near Mumbai between Palghar and Boisar. Details of train services affected in Western Railway are as under:

- Fully cancelled - 190 Mail/ Express trains & 366 Passenger trains.
- Partly cancelled - 181 Mail/ Express trains & 29 Passenger trains.
- Diverted - 153 Mail/ Express trains.
- Details of loss suffered by Railways are as under:

Western Railway:

- (i) Arch Bridge No.144(3x12.2m) at km 99/24-26 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 Virar-Surat 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.44 which had collapsed.
- (vi) Minor damages were also caused to the overhead Electrical Traction Equipment.

Central Railway:

- (i) Minor damages in Kalyan-Lonavla section at km 59/3-8 (Up & dn line), km 62/13-14 (Up & Dn line) & km 68/17-18 (Dn line) and in Kalyan-Igatpuri section at km 78/10-3(Up line) due to wash away of ballast/earth from Railway track.
- (ii) The point machine and impedance bonds were also damaged at Kalyan and Ambarnath stations.
- (c): No, Sir. The disruption was due to natural calamity.

(d): Does not arise.