

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:218

ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for construction/re- construction/strengthening of railway bridges in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of places where new bridges are to be constructed and the bridges identified for reconstruction/strengthening in West Bengal alongwith the funds allocated for this purpose during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 218 ASKED BY SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO AND SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL T O B E ANSWERED I N L O K SABHA ON 24.11.2005 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES IN WEST BENGAL.

(a) to (d): The repair/ rebuilding/ rehabilitation/ Strengthening of Railway Bridges is taken up based on their condition as ascertained during annual inspections. The bridges which show signs of deterioration of physical condition indicating need for rehabilitation are classified as Distressed bridges which are taken up on priority. Sometimes the bridges are strengthened/ rebuilt due to the requirement of heavier axle loads and higher tractive efforts of traffic moving over the Indian Railways. Some new bridges also get constructed along with new lines/ doubling works.

The statistics of repair/ rebuilding/ rehabilitation/ Strengthening of Railway Bridges is maintained Railway wise, not State wise. The details of sanctioned bridge works on account of repair/ rehabilitation/ rebuilding of existing bridges as on 01.04.2005 on Eastern, South Eastern and North East Frontier Railway, which serves State of West Bengal also, is given as under:

| S. No. | Railway | No. of Bridges sanctioned in 2005-06 | Target for completion 31.10.2005 | Progress upto 2005-06 (In Rs. Crores) | Allotment of funds in 2005-06 |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Eastern | 422 | 128 | 59 | 132.18 |
| 2 | South Eastern | 131 66 | 22 | 33.08 | |
| 3 | North East Frontier | 322 | 120 | 41 | 10.66 |
| | Total | 875 | 314 | 122 | 175.92 |