

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3372
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OVER AGED ROLLING STOCK AND TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proper care is not being taken to replace the over-aged rolling stock and the process of modernisation and renewal of track and whether their maintenance also lacks the desired attention;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether most of the bridges and culverts have out lived their lives and have become weak; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for introducing more trains and enhancing frequency of the trains without conducting proper surveys to ascertain as to whether the infrastructure including rolling stock can bear the additional stress?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. Replacement of over-aged rolling stock, modernisation, renewal of track and their maintenance is carried out as and when due. This is a continuous process. Modern track structure is provided on the basis of route classification and annual traffic density as per the requirement of traffic.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir. Railways have a well laid down system of multi-tier annual inspection of bridges/culverts. Railways undertake repair, rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges/culverts on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during annual inspections.
- (d) Does not arise.