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Title: Request to construct an alternate bridge close by coronation bridge of North Bengal.

**DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak during 'Zero Hour'.

The Coronation Bridge of North Bengal was constructed by the British rulers years back in 1937 over the Teesta River which connects a large part of Dooars with Terai. Thousands of people come to Siliguri this way. Siliguri, as we all know, is the nerve centre of North Bengal and North-Eastern region of India. Even the Bhutanese depend upon this age-old Bridge to maintain their link with our country.

Strategically also, this Bridge is of great importance because of its proximity to China. Age has worn out this Bridge and now it is in a very precarious condition. I wonder that it may collapse at any time.

Therefore, I would like to propose that an alternative bridge be constructed close-by this one. I request the Government to start the construction process without any further delay. The earlier the better.

**19.00 hrs**

**श्री वीरेन्द्र सिंह (बलिया):** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय पर अपनी बात रखना चाहता हूँ। ... (व्यवधान)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** सभी माननीय सदस्यों का विषय महत्वपूर्ण है। क्या यह पर कोई बिना महत्वपूर्ण वाला विषय रखा जाता है?

