

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Regarding need for a new bridge over river Zuari

SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA (SOUTH GOA): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

Sir, there is a very important river called Zuari river, which separates South Goa from North Goa. There is an important bridge called Zuari bridge. The traffic has increased so much that there is a lot of pressure on the old bridge. The proposal for the construction of a new bridge was floated in 2016 and it was to be completed in 2019. The sorry state of affairs is that the bridge has not been constructed yet. Now, we are in 2022.

Goa is a tourist State. So many tourists come here. There is a traffic jam every second day. People have brought to my notice that many a time it takes two hours just to cross the bridge. Can you imagine it? Last time also, so many tourists had missed their flights. It brings a very bad name to the State.

Last time, when the hon. Minister was speaking on construction of roads, he said that a restaurant was being built, and I had asked him not to forget to take me when he visits there. Forget about the restaurant, kindly see that the bridge is constructed expeditiously so that people do not have to face difficulties. Thank you, Sir. ... (Interruptions)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Let there be bridges.

Now, Shrimati Aparupa Poddar.