

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1277  
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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON YAMUNA RIVER  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the initial cost of the bridge approved on river Yamuna at Allahabad in the year 1990;
- (b) the reasons for not starting the construction of the bridge till today; and
- (c) the present status of the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Rs. 100.36 crores.

(b) & (c): After the sanction of the Project, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (now Japan Bank for International Cooperation) offered to provide loan assistance for this bridge. It was then decided in consultation with the funding agency to change the design of the bridge from conventional prestressed concrete cantilever type to a cable stayed concrete bridge so as to bring this new technology to the country and provide an aesthetically pleasing structure. This involved further study by the consultants and proof checking by international consultants before the work could be started. The work has been awarded in September, 2000 and has commenced now.