

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:612
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2000
CONSTRUCTION OF PUCCA BRIDGE ON MAHANADI RIVER .
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no pucca bridge has been constructed on the Mahanadi river near Jhoa even after lapse of 50 years of independence;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether in the absence of bridge, Bartai sub-division has been cut off from the district headquarters and people from the sub-division have to take a detour of comparatively longer distance to reach the district headquarters;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to construct a pucca bridge at the said place in the public interest; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the said bridge is likely to be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): Central Government is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of only National Highways and the bridges falling thereon. All other roads and bridges there on fall within the jurisdiction of respective State Govt. The proposed bridge does not form part of the National Highway network.