

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE IN J & K
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the bridge between the border road Sunderbani to Changer, District Rajouri of J&K State is too old to bear the heavy traffic and the buses passing through this bridge have to unload their passengers first, which is dangerous in emergent times;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to construct a new bridge on this border road; and
- (c) if so, the details thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The existing bailey suspension bridge at Beripattan is of load classification 18R. Therefore, the buses crossing this bridge have to unload their passengers and reload them on the other side. This road axis however has a limited traffic. There is an alternative route available very close to this road, which is via Siot-Niara.
- (b) & (c): There is a proposal to replace the existing suspension bridge with a permanent bridge. Sub-Soil investigations for constructing the permanent bridge are planned for 2000-2001. After completion of the Sub Soil Investigations, the technical and economic viability of the proposal will be examined and a decision to construct the bridge or otherwise will be taken.