

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN J & K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Defence has initiated a proposal to provide second bridge over river Chenab at Akhnoor and a bridge on Manawar Tawi at Bari Pattan to provide linkage to Chammb sector and Rajouri & Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the status of the said proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the above bridges are likely to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Lowest-bid has been finalised for construction of a second bridge on river Chenab at Akhnoor. The proposal for the Manawar-Tawi bridge has been accorded low priority due to other requirements of greater operational necessity.
- (c) Probable Date of Completion (PDC) of Chenab bridge is December 2007. No time schedule has been fixed for Manawar-Tawi bridge.