

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

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CONVERSION OF WOODEN LOG BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund allocated for the NH-52 in the last three years from Bali Para to Mahadev Pur and the fund allotted in the Tenth Five Year Plan to complete the roads and bridges;
- (b) whether there are a large number of wooden log bridges on NH-52;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these wooden log bridges will be converted into RCC bridges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The allocation of funds is made as lump sum to the States and not National Highway (NH) / Sector-wise. However, the funds allocated for the development of National Highways in Assam including NH-52 in the last three years i.e. during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are Rs. 142.62 crore, Rs. 157.37 crore and Rs. 179.85 crore respectively and Rs. 753.98 crore, so far, in the Tenth Five Year Plan. This includes the funds allocated to all the agencies viz. State Government, Border Roads Organization (BRO) and the National Highways Authority of India.

(b)(c)&(d) There are 18 wooden log bridges on NH-52 at various locations. The BRO, who are developing and maintaining this NH have planned to convert these bridges into permanent RCC bridges in a phased manner by 2010 subject to availability of funds.