

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1174  
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ROB ON GANGA RIVER  
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are two over bridges which are under construction over the river Ganga, one at near Patna and other at Munger in Bihar and another over bridge on Koshi river near Nirmali;
- (b) if so, whether there is any report regarding slow pace of construction of these bridges;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways for expeditious completion of these bridges?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d): The work of bridges over river Ganga near Patna, Munger and over river Kosi are in various stages of progress. The planning of bridge near Patna was changed at an intermediate stage from rail bridge to rail cum road bridge on the request of State Government which required redesigning the bridge. On Munger rail cum road bridge, 4 additional spans have been added due to change of course of the river. There has been delay in availability of land from the State Government. The work of Kosi Bridge is targeted for completion by March, 2012 and the other two rail cum road bridges during 2012-13. Necessary steps have been taken to speed up the progress of these projects and to follow up issues with the State Government.