

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:368  
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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES  
Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

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

- (a) whether the ASI has received any proposal for clearance from Ministry of Railways regarding construction of another bridge in place of railway bridge constructed on Yamuna river in the Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ASI has accorded clearance to the Railways Ministry for the said proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On 03-04-2005, Chief Engineer (Construction), Kashmiri Gate, Delhi had requested for construction of a new Yamuna Bridge in lieu of existing old Bridge No.249 on upstream of the existing bridge on Delhi Shahadara Section of Northern Railway close to Swatantrata Senani Smarak in the protected area of Salimgarh Fort, a centrally protected monument.
- (c) to (e): No, Sir. The entire proposal was examined in detail and it was found that the piers are proposed to be constructed not only in the prohibited area but also within the protected area of the centrally protected monument i.e. Salimgarh Fort. The proposal also involves sacrificing about 1000 sq.m. within the Salimgarh Fort. Further, a portion of the fortification wall shall also have to be demolished to accommodate the beams which will rest over the piers to support the railway tracks. As such, clearance was not given.