GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1809
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011
RAIL-CUM ROAD BRIDGE OVER BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER
Yaday Shri Om Prakash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has sanctioned Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge project to connect Dibrugarh and North-bank of river Brahmaputra in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith total funds granted/released;
- (c) whether there have been time and cost overruns in the construction of the said bridge;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1809 BY SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2011 REGARDING RAIL-CUM ROAD BRIDGE OVER BRAHMPUTRA RIVER

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Rail-cum-road Bridge across river Brahmaputra at Bogibeel with link lines between Dibrugarh and South Banks has been taken up. Approaches and guide bunds have been completed. Chalkhowa-Moranhat section (44 km) has been completed and commissioned. An expenditure of `2163.61 crore has been incurred upto March, 2011 and an outlay of `194 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2011-12.
- (c) & (d): There have been time and cost overruns in the construction of the bridge due to various reasons including fund constraints, time taken in finalization of contract, frequent disruption by militants/anti-social element and poor law & order conditions.
- (e): The project is targeted for completion by December, 2015.