

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4913
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CORONATION BRIDGE
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coronation Bridge over river Teesta on National Highway-31 has recently developed a crack on its archway thereby causing a problem in vehicular movement;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to repair the present bridge or contemplate a new bridge over river Teesta as an alternative to Coronation Bridge;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimates submitted by the State Government of West Bengal in this regard; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) After the recent earthquake on 18.09.2011, some cracks were observed on top of the main pier at Siliguri and Malbazar end, longitudinal girders and on bituminous wearing coat. Immediately after cracks were noticed, restriction was imposed on movement of vehicle having laden weight more than 10 T on this bridge.
- (b) to (d): The detail investigation to evaluate the exact nature and extent of damage was carried out by State PWD, West Bengal through Jadavpur University. State PWD West Bengal has been requested to submit the estimate for repair/rehabilitation of the bridge as per the recommendation of Jadavpur University on urgent basis. For construction of new bridge over river Teesta necessary provision has been proposed in Annual Plan 2011-12. State Government is likely to submit the estimate to Ministry.