

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASI CLEARANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has received any proposal for clearance from the Ministry of Railways for the construction of another bridge on Yamuna river in Delhi replacing the older bridge;
- (b) if so, the date on which this proposal was received by ASI;
- (c) whether clearance has been given by ASI to the Railways for this proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e)The National Monuments Authority (NMA) received a proposal for clearance from the Ministry of Railways for the construction of another Bridge on Yamuna River in Delhi, through the Competent Authority, Delhi on 09.03.2012. The proposal was placed in the 38th meeting of NMA held on 07.05.2012, and the case was recommended for grant of No Objection Certificate and Northern Railway was advised to take required measures to retain the Old Yamuna Bridge and develop it as an industrial heritage/museum and as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the report of Competent Authority, Delhi. The Competent Authority, Delhi has since issued permission in favour of Northern Railways.