

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2469
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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT BALTAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Government of Jammu and Kashmir for construction of a bridge by the Army at Baltal to facilitate the Amarnath Yatra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) & (b): A request was received by the Army Formation from Mr Rakesh Gupta, CEO Amarnath Shrine Board on 2nd June, 2014 to lay a bridge near Baltal, in order to replace an existing weak hume pipe bridge.
- (c) A 50 feet Bailey Bridge has been laid by Army Engineers. The bridge has been inaugurated on 20th June, 2014, by CEO, Amarnath Shrine Board.