

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FARAKKA BARRAGE PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Technical Advisory Committee of Farakka Barrage Project (FBP) has recommended construction of bridges over Feeder canal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;
- (c) the steps being taken for the construction of aforesaid bridges along with the time by which these bridges are likely to be constructed; and
- (d) the details of the existing vacancies in the FBP against the sanctioned strength along with the action taken to fill the vacant posts, category-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

- (a) Yes Madam. In the last five years Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Farakka Barrage Project (FBP) has agreed for construction of two bridges over Farakka Feeder Canal.
- (b) & (c) On the request of NTPC, one bridge was agreed by TAC of FBP in November 2011, at a distance of 33.50 m from the existing bridge over Feeder canal. The second bridge was approved by TAC of FBP in 2013 near the existing Rail-cum-Road bridge at Ahiron on the request of NHAI. These bridges are being constructed by NTPC and NHAI, respectively. As informed, the aforesaid bridges are likely to be completed during, 2015.
- (d) The details are attached as Annexure-I.