

Title: Need to construct high level bridge over river Brahmani in Dhenkanal Parliamentary Constituency, Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, there has been an inordinate delay in the construction of the high level bridge over river Brahmani on the Nilkanthpur Bhuban Road connecting Mandar-Gondia, Deogaon, Kapilas and Dhenkanal in Orissa, connecting N.H. 42 with N.H. 200 and N.H. 5 between Kolkata and Chennai. The project was accorded administrative approval in 1994. It is named after a great freedom fighter, 13-year-old boatman, Shri Baji Rout, who died in police firing at village Nilakanthpur in 1938 and who is immortalised by the former Oriya poet, Gnanpeeth Award winner Sachi Raut Ray. The people, particularly the small and marginal farmers, find great difficulties in marketing their produce due to lack of means of transport in the absence of a bridge. Steel plants are coming up in the area with the hope that the bridge would be constructed soon. Besides connecting the district headquarters Dhenkanal, it will provide a direct communication for the devotees to pay a visit to the famous holy shrine of Kapilas, the abode of Lord Chandrashekhar.

I request the Union Government to construct the Baji Rout Setu over river Brahmani in my constituency Dhenkanal without any further delay.

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