

Title: Need to ensure adequate financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for the proposed Raichak-- Kukrahati bridge on river Hooghly in West Bengal.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, Haldia which has emerged as a leading industrial hub needs better connectivity between Haldia and Kolkata. The Government of West Bengal has proposed a bridge on Hoogly river between Raichak and Kukrahati for this purpose. In principle, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India has accorded approval for inclusion in the lists prepared for JBIC assistance. It is understood that a meeting for finalisation of JBIC assistance will be held shortly between the Government of India and the Government of Japan.

Therefore, I would request the hon. Prime Minister, the Finance Minister and the Minister of Road Transport and Highways for the following measures.

- a. To give the highest priority for Raichak – Kukrahati Bridge for JBIC assistance.
- b. Financial assistance for road approaching from the proposed Raichak and Kukrahati Bridge to eastern bypass at Salt Lake.