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Title: Need to construct a bridge over river Rupnarayan at Kolaghat between Kharagpur and Dankuni on NH-6, as part of Golden Quadrilateral Project.

SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE (JHARGRAM): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise a matter of urgent national importance regarding the dilapidated condition of Kolaghat Bridge, known as Sarat Setu, on the river Rupnarayan between Kharagpur and Dankuni in NH-6. It is the only road bridge on this National Highway connecting the States of South India and Eastern India. This bridge is now in worst condition. Any major accident may happen at any time. This road is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral Project the Central Government. One parallel new bridge is urgently needed to avoid any accident. A bridge has been constructed by the National Highway Authority of India on the side of the old bridge. But it is now incomplete. Thousands of vehicles ply on the old bridge from South India to Eastern India, including Kolkata everyday. It is also a matter of great concern that this bridge, including the road of the Golden Quadrilateral Project, is not completed, but toll tax is collected from all vehicles. I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Road Transport and Highways in this regard and request the Government to construct the bridge as early as possible.