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Title: Regarding construction of a bridge over the river Jaldhaka (Singimari) in Cooch Behar district, West Bengal.

SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY (COOCH BEHAR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to bring to the attention of this august House that in my Constituency, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, there is a Block named Sitai which is divided into two parts by the River Jaldhaka (Singimari). The total population residing in these areas is more than three lakhs. In the month of February, 2009, the hon. PWD Minister of the Government of West Bengal had inaugurated the construction of a Bridge over the River so that more than three lakh people of Sitai and Sitalkuchi Block can be benefited by this Bridge. This Bridge is not only important from the point of view of local people, but also important from the point of view of our border security as the Forces have to travel a long distance and also had to waste a lot of time in traveling due to lack of this Bridge. In case any exigency occurs in border areas, our Forces cannot reach there on time. But unfortunately the construction work on this Bridge has not started so far.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister to grant and release Central fund for the construction of this Bridge so that the work can be started and completed on time and the people of my area can be benefited from this as these areas are rich in tobacco and jute farming, along with the border forces.