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Title: Need to construct a rail-cum-road bridge on river Brahmaputra to provide rail connectivity in middle Assam.

SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN (NOWGONG): The entire state of Assam has been divided into two parts from east to west by the mighty Brahmaputra. The north bank of the Brahmaputra is connected with two railway bridges, one at Jogighopa and the other at Saraighat near Guwahati. Thus the railway communication between both the banks remains a problem in the lower Assam zone of the state. There was enough scope to connect both the banks at the time of construction of Koliabhomora road bridge over river Brahmaputra, but due to reason unknown, that was not done. Now, another road bridge at Koliabhomora adjacent to the existing one is under consideration. This time also, the concerned authority has overlooking the possibility of construction of a rail cum road bridge by which railway connectivity between north and south bank of the Brahmaputra in middle Assam can be made at a comparatively lesser investment, thereby improving the railway network of the entire state.