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Title: Need to expedite construction of Bogibeel bridge over river Brahmaputra in Dibrugarh, Assam.

SHRI RAMESWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): Hon. Madam Speaker. Bogibeel bridge is being constructed across the river Brahmaputra in the Dibrugarh district of Assam. It is the longest bridge in the country. The foundation of this rail cum road bridge was laid by our former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, on 21st April, 2002. When completed the bridge would connect Lakhimpur and Dibrugarh Lok Sabha constituency in upper Assam providing connectivity to nearly five million people residing in upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The bridge will be of strategic importance to our country as it would facilitate movement of our troops and would supply necessary logistics to its border with China in Arunachal Pradesh. In view of its strategic importance, the project was granted National Project status by the government of India in 2007. But unfortunately, the pace of the project work has been very slow. Although it was expected to be completed within seven years of laying of foundation stone, the project has experienced significant time and cost overruns. I therefore, request the government to take appropriate steps to expedite the construction of the bridge in the greater interest of the people of Assam and complete the project at the earliest. Thank you.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्री सिराजुद्दीन अजमल, श्री राधेश्याम बिश्वास, कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देले को श्री रामेश्वर तेली द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।