

**(ix) Need to expedite construction of bridges on River Asan and Pali in Morena district, Madhya Pradesh**

[Translation]

SHRI BARE LAL JATAV (Morena) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in my Constituency Morena, a bridge is under construction on river Asan on Agra-Bombay National Highway. The bridge should be immediately completed and opened, as the river water swells up during the monsoons and thousands of trucks get stranded for 10 days on both sides of the river. In the public interest, the construction of this bridge should be expedited.

The construction work of Pali bridge, which is to link Sheopur in Morena district with Rajasthan border, should also be expedited. The work is going at a snails' pace at present. The construction work on Usaid ghat bridge, the foundation stone of which was laid by Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi and which is going to link Porsa in Morena district with Uttar Pradesh, should also be undertaken at the earliest. I, therefore, would like to request the Union Government that the above mentioned construction works should be completed on priority basis.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House now stands adjourned for Lunch till 2.20 p.m.

13.18hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Twenty minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.*

14.27 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Twenty-seven minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.*

[SHRI SHARAD DIGHE in the Chair]

[English]

MR CHAIRMAN : Now, statement by the

Minister, Shri Salman Khursheed.

14.28hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

**RE: The visit of Bangladesh Minister of Communication Col. Oli Ahmed to Chakma Refugees camp on May 8-9  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALAMAN KHURSHEED):**

Sir, The Bangladesh Minister for Communications Col. (Rtd.) Oli Ahmrf paid a visit to India at the invitation of the minister for Railways Shri C.K. Jaffer Sharief from may 2-9, 1993. Both Ministers held comprehensive and wide-ranging discussions on cooperation in the railway sector. I accompanied Col. Oli Ahmed on his visit Tripura from May 8-9, 1993 to meet with representatives of Chakma refugees with a view to encouraging their early return to Bangladesh.

In this connection, it may be recalled that during the visit of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India in May 1992, the two Prime Ministers agreed to arrange the speedy repatriation of all Chakma refugees to Bangladesh in full safety and security. In this contact the Bangladesh side agreed to set up a representative Political Level Committee that would encourage the refugees to return. The Indian side assured the Bangladesh delegation that its authorities would cooperate fully in the process of repatriation. The issue of repatriation of Charkma and other tribal refugees was discussed during our Foreign Secretary's visit to Dhaka in August 1992 and the visit of the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh to India in November 1992. The issue was also discussed at bilateral meetings during the 7th SAARC Summit held in Dhaka in April 1993.

Prior to his visit to Tripura on May 8-9, 1993, the Bangladesh Minister held talks with the Home Minister as well as the Minister of State for External Affairs Shri R.L. Shatia on the