

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009  
ANSWERED ON**

**BRIDGE OVER BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER AT SARAIGHAT .**

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Will the Minister of COALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Railways has conducted survey for the second rail- cum- road bridge over river Brahmaputra at Saraighat;
- (b) if so, the details of assessment made thereof;
- (c) whether Government of Assam has represented for converting the proposed road bridge at Saraighat under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) to a rail-cum- road bridge; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and target set with total allocation ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d): A survey for second rail bridge adjacent to existing Saraighat rail-cum-road bridge was completed in 2008-09. As per the survey, the cost of the proposal was worked out as Rs.300.67 crore. Chief Minister, Assam had written in this regard. Prima facie, it was considered that the existing broad gauge lines via Saraighat bridge and via Jogighopa bridge along with gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongselek and new line with Bogibeel bridge would be able to meet the traffic requirement.