

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-724**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/02/2023

**MAITRI SETU BRIDGE**

724 MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been multiple infrastructural issues in the Maitri Setu Bridge, despite construction having been completed recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same; and
- (c) by when Government is planning to open the bridge for traffic bolster to international trade between India and Bangladesh?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Development of infrastructure along the border and connectivity has been a priority of Government of India in respect of relations with Bangladesh. The issue of operationalisation of the Maitri Setu Bridge has been raised with the Bangladesh side, including during the State visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India in September 2022, which has been reflected in the Joint Statement issued on the occasion.

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