

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5466
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

SETU BHARATAM SCHEME

5466. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Setu Bharatam scheme for building 208 bridges at railway crossings on national highways to ensure safe and smooth flow of traffic and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no bridge has been operationalised under the scheme so far and construction work has begun only for 24 and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a) & (b): This matter pertains to Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH). As per information given by them, the position is as under:

In order to ensure safe and smooth flow of traffic, Ministry has envisaged a plan for replacement of all the Level Crossings on National Highways by Road Over Bridges (ROBs) or Road Under Bridges (RUBs) under a scheme Setu Bharatam. Under this programme, construction of 208 ROBs or RUBs on Level Crossings (which are not falling under any

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other programme like National Highways Development Project (NHDP etc.) at an estimated cost of ₹ 20,800 crore are included originally. However, due to site requirements/constraints, construction of bypasses, National Highway entrustment to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and corridor construction approach etc., 174 ROBs/RUBs are remaining as on date under Setu Bharatam scheme. 90 ROBs have already sanctioned for ₹ 7101.24 crores. 40 ROBs have already awarded and 24 ROBs have been taken for execution.
