## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

### LOK SABHA

# **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 561**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

#### DHUBRI-PHULBARI BRIDGE

#### 561. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

# Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सडक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of a long pending public demand for construction of Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over river Brahmaputra to connect Assam and Meghalaya with the rest of the nation;
- (b) whether the Government has ordered for preparation of DPR for Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received a demand for two wings at the bridge for access and benefit of the people of Mankachar, Goalpara etc.;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the reasons for delay in construction of this important bridge;
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for budgetary allocation for the construction of the said bridge; and
- (h) the time by which the construction of bridge will start?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) to (c) The DPR for Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge has been finalized. The proposal is in the process of being evaluated by the Public Investment Board (PIB).
- (d) & (e) No Madam.
- (f) It being a 20 Km long bridge project with Navigational span of 12.625 Km, a detailed investigation of soil and hydrology of the area was required to be carried out before finalization of the DPR.
- (g) The project is being funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and loan agreement has been signed in October, 2018.
- (h) Construction of Dhubri-Phulbari bridge is scheduled to be taken up during the financial year 2019-2020.

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