

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2332
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

ELEPHANT GATE BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT

2332. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the Elephant Gate Bridge repair projects under execution in Chennai along with the date of sanction, status of different works under the project, timelines, expected date of completion and allocation/utilization of funds;**
- (b) the difficulties holding up this project along with the remedial measures being taken by the Ministry in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken note of the severe hardships caused due to the inordinate delays in this project, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Ministry has sought or held consultations with the public on this issue and the hardships caused by the delay in the repair works; and**
- (e) if so, the outcome in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Estimate for reconstruction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) No.9R (Elephant Gate ROB) duly demolishing the existing bridge was sanctioned on 12.07.2018. Subsequently agency was fixed on

16.04.2020. This 02 lane ROB was proposed with Bowstring Steel Girders in Railway portion (consisting of 03 spans) with a cost sharing of 50:50 by Railways and Greater Chennai Corporation for one span alongwith Road approaches and with 100% Railway cost for other two spans in Railway portion. An amount ₹ 23.39 crore allotted out of which ₹ 20.85 crore utilized. The Railway portion (bridge portion) of Bowstring Steel Girders is being executed by the Railways and the Road approaches are being executed by the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and the work is in progress. The progress of work was affected due to Covid -19 pandemic related restriction Now the work is taken up at fast pace to avoid hardship to the public. Now all the substructure works in Railways portion completed and trestle beam works are in progress. Out of 06 Bow String Girder, 02 Girders have been fabricated.

Approach portion embankment work is in progress by State Govt. The completion of work depend upon progress of approach work by State Govt..
