

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3190  
ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022  
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE**

**3190. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the decades old Coronation Bridge in West Bengal connecting Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts is in a very poor condition and needs urgent replacement and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs. 1,000 crore for the construction of second bridge at Sevoke as an alternative to the Coronation Bridge and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Detail Project Report (DPR) of new bridge has been prepared and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the tender has been issued for the new bridge and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and**
- (e) the timeframe set for completion of the bridge along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (e) Keeping the view the capacity & age of old coronation bridge at Km. 595.200 of NH-31 (New NH-17) and some damages to superstructure, bearings, expansion joints, floor Protection works, etc. of the bridge, MoRTH has envisaged construction of new bridge over river Teesta down-stream of existing coronation bridge. Alignment of same has been approved and construction work is likely to be awarded in financial year 2023-24.**

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