

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 552
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

BOGIBEEL BRIDGE ON BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

552. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of Bogibeel bridge over the river Brahmaputra is getting delayed resulting in huge cost escalation;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the inordinate delay in completing the project;**
- (c) the details of funds spent so far on the aforesaid project; and**
- (d) the measures taken by the Railways to expedite the execution of the project?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Construction of Rail-cum-Road bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibeel with linking lines (73 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹4996 crore. An expenditure of ₹4129 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of ₹598 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

The project has mainly suffered in the past on account of inadequate availability of funds, apart from delays in land acquisition and forestry clearances.

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To expedite the completion of work, the annual outlays have been enhanced, and against an allotment of ₹340 crore in the year 2013-14, budget allotments of ₹600 crore and ₹701 crore have been made in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

The bridge is to have 39 spans of 125 meter each and 2 spans of 32.75 meter each. Work on superstructure has been completed. First time in Indian Railway, completely welded girders have been adopted and so far 21 spans have been launched.
