

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of two Expressways along the banks of Brahmaputra river from Sadiya to Dhubri.

**SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE (BARPETA):** Sir, during the Budget Session 2016, the Government of Assam in 2016 announced that it would build two expressways along both the banks of the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri. The expressways would connect the eastern and western points of the State. Once constructed, both the expressways will open up huge development opportunities not only for the people of Assam but also for other States of the region. There will be ease of doing business as these would connect many lesser-known places along the route. Expressways would facilitate easy movement of people and goods reducing cost and time incurred due to transportation. It would also act as embankment for Brahmaputra, thus, minimising flooding as well as erosion of land, a major flood related problem in the State. However, apart from the announcement of the conceived project, nothing substantial has been done in this regard. The project announced by the State Government seems to be currently at a slow pace and needs to move at a much faster rate. Therefore, I would urge upon the Government of India through the Minister of Road Transport and Highways to impress upon the State Government so that the expressways are completed and people are benefited.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON :** Shri K. Muraleedharan – Not present.

Now, Shri Pradyut Bordoloi.