

Need to expedite construction of bridge connecting Jorhat and Majuli in Assam-laid

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (JORHAT): Majuli is facing an existential threat due to the relentless forces of nature, primarily floods and erosion. Year after year, devastating floods displace thousands of its inhabitants, destroy homes, and cripple livelihoods. The erosion of riverbanks further exacerbates the problem, shrinking the island's landmass at an alarming rate. The construction of a bridge connecting Jorhat to Majuli, a long-awaited project, has been stalled. This delay has severely hampered the island's connectivity and economic development. The absence of a reliable bridge hinders the transportation of essential goods, medical supplies, and agricultural produce, leaving the island's population isolated and vulnerable. Furthermore, the Jorhat-Dibrugarh Jagi Road project, launched in 2014, has been plagued by land acquisition and construction delays, despite compensation disbursement made in 2015. The incomplete road and poor connectivity have severely impacted commuters and hindered regional development. Majuli's future hangs in the balance. We must act swiftly and decisively to preserve this unique cultural heritage and ensure the well-being of its people. I implore the Government to take cognizance of this urgent matter and allocate the necessary resources to safeguard Majuli's future.