

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MEGA BRIDGE
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct 4 Mega Bridges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of each;
- (c) the differences mega bridges and the normal railway bridge across rivers; and
- (d) the time by which the work for construction of these bridges is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) : Yes, sir.

(b) : The details of the mega bridges alongwith the estimated cost of each is as under:

- i) Rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel-Rs. 1767 crs
- ii) Rail bridge on river Ganga near Patna - Rs.624.47 crs
- iii) Rail cum road bridge on river Ganga at Munger- Rs.921 crs
- iv) Rail bridge over river Kosi -Rs.323.41 crs

(c) : The mega bridge is an important bridge requiring heavy investment, costing more than Rs. 100 crs

(d) : The works of Bogibeel bridge and two bridges on river Ganga have already started. The work of Kosi bridge would be taken up once Budget 2003-2004 is passed by the Parliament. The work of bridges is likely to be completed in a period of 6-7 years as per the availability of resources.