

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS ON RAILWAY BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received several requests for the construction of foot-paths on the sides of railway bridge on the river Banganga on Gorakhpur-Gonda railway line in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Some requests were received for construction of footpath for use of general public on the sides of railway bridge over river Banganga. The requests were examined. The existing metre gauge girder bridge is being replaced by a new railway bridge for broad gauge as part of gauge conversion project. The existing bridge had gangway for inspection of Railway officials and not for general public. In view of safety & technical considerations, the new bridge shall also not be provided with separate pathway for general public. Incidentally, there is a road bridge upstream of existing Railway Bridge at a distance of approximately 400 metres for the use of general public.