

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BOGIBEEL BRIDGE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have moved for reconsideration of the proposal for treating Bogibeel Bridge project declared under PM's special initiative for NER 1996 as National Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) when this project is likely to be considered as a National Project to ensure its time-bound completion?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The proposal for declaring Bogibeel Rail-cum-Road mega project as 'National Project' and providing additional funds over and above normal Railway's Plan was earlier considered by the Govt. and it was directed that the project be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for which funds be located in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission. Since the project is non-viable, funding through SPV mechanism may not be amenable. In view of this, the matter has been proposed for reconsideration of the Government.

(c): No time frame is feasible to be given.