

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1398
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ROAD- CUM-RAIL BRIDGE OVER BRAHMAPUTRA AT GUWAHATI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted the survey for construction of second Rail- cum-road bridge over Brahmaputra at Sariaghat;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) if not, the time by which the survey is likely to be carried out and completed;
- (d) whether Government of Assam has represented for converting the proposed road bridge at Sariaghat under NHDP to a rail-cum-road bridge; and
- (e) if so, details of pre-feasibility and economy thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b)&(c): Do not arise. However, survey for 2nd rail bridge is being taken up. It will take about one year's time.
- (d)&(e): Chief Minister, Assam had written in this regard. No survey has so far been conducted. Prime facie, it has been considered that the existing broad gauge lines via Saraighat bridge and via Jogighopa bridge along with gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongselek and Bogibeel bridge would be able to meet the traffic requirements.