

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3553
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CROSS BORDER TRADE WITH BANGLADESH
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with a view to bridging the gap with Bangladesh and facilitating cross border trade with that country, Government proposes to construct a two-lane bridge over the river Umngot at Dawki, to replace a 136 meter long suspension bridge which has outlived its life and utility;
- (b) if so, the details and cost of the project; and
- (c) the steps taken and progress made in that direction so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to construct a two-lane bridge over the river Umngot at Dawki to replace a 136 meter long suspension bridge which has outlived its life and utility.