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Title: Need to construct a bridge on river Kansabati at Lalgah under Binpur-I block of Paschim Medinipur district, West Bengal.

SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE (JHARGRAM): I would like to raise a long-standing demand of the entire tribal people of Jungle Mahals to construct a bridge on the river of Kansabati at Lalgah under Binpur-I block of Paschim Medinipur district, West Bengal. The Jungle Mahals Area covering the North-West portion of West Midnapore District, Bankura and entire Purulia District is inhabited by the people belonging to scheduled tribes, viz. Santhals, Bhumij, Munda, Oraon, Lodha Sabar, etc., of West Bengal. They belong to labour classes But almost all of them having been suffering from varying degrees of bondedness and denial of human dignity. The injustices they suffer from relate to property, wages etc. They have been prevented from occupying the land and cultivating it. There are severe problems in enjoying even the fruits of their own labour. The problems were and still are basically economic.

Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency (ST) from where I represent is divided into two parts by the Kansabati River. Minimum distance from Garbeta, Salboni to Jhargram Headquarters is about 100 KMs. If the bridge is constructed on the river of Kansabati at Lalgah, the distance will be reduced by 50 KM and people of Jungle Mahals will be benefited economically and socially. I urge upon the Government to sanction fund in the coming budget to construct the bridge for the betterment of the people of Jungle Mahals.