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Title : Need to expedite the construction of second railway bridge over river Kathajodi in Orissa.

SHRI B. MAHTAB(CUTTACK): The second railway bridge over Kathajodi river is under construction for more than three years. It was given to understand that this bridge would be completed by December, 2008 but due to change in design in midway and change in the construction company completion was deferred to December, 2009. But the snail pace at which the construction is taking place, I doubt whether this railway bridge will be completed by December, 2010.

It is needless to mention here that second railway bridge over river Kathajodi river has become essential to have a second rail line link to Cuttack. Unless this second railway bridge over Kathajodi is constructed the second line will not be fruitful.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take appropriate action at the earliest to complete the second railway bridge over river Kathajodi for better movement of rail traffic in the East Coast Zone.