

**Demoition of old Rail bridge over
Rajahmundry**

*248. SHRI K. V. R. S. BALA SUBBA
RAO:†

SHRI KRISHNA MOHAN
BHAMIDIPATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to de-
molish the original rail bridge over river
Godavari at Rajahmundry after the com-
pletion of the third rail bridge there; and

(b) whether any study has been made for
conversion of the original rail bridge at
Rajahmundry into a road bridge ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI K.V.R.S. BALA SUBBA RAO : Sir,
will the Minister be pleased to give the details
of the cost of dismantling the old bridge after
the completion of this new bridge ? Is it not
possible to hand over the old bridge to the
State Government for conversion into a road
bridge ?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN : Sir, it is true that
after the completion of the present bridge, the
old bridge which is 80 years old will be
dismantled. If the State Government wants, it
is upto the State Government to process it
and make a request. If the State Government
desires to convert that into a road bridge, it is
upto them to come with the proposals which
will be considered by the Railway Ministry.

SHRI K.V.R.S. BALA SUBBA RAO : Sir,
the local municipalities of Kovvur
Rajahmundry approached the Government

†The Question was actually asked on the
floor of the House by Shri K. V. R. S. Bala
Subba Rao.

to maintain the bridge. Will the Government
be pleased to hand it over to the State
Government ?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN : Sir, the mu-
nicipalities are a part and parcel of the State
Government itself. Once the construction of
the new bridge is over, it is upto them
because the cost of the girders and other
things has also to be paid. So much so it is
left to the State Government or the
municipalities or any local bodies to take a
decision about converting it into a road
bridge.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Next
Question.

**Gift of Uniforms from Japan for Asian
Games**

*249. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI HARISHANKAR BHA-
BHARA: ‡

Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fee of Rs.
2,16,000 has been paid to a private interior
decorator for designing some items for the
Asian Games Village;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) Whether Government propose to
accept donation from Japan in the form of
some uniforms for athletes and if so, what
are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA
SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

‡The Question was actually asked on the
floor of the House by Shri Hari Shankar
Bhabhra.