

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 783**  
ANSWERED ON-08/02/2021

**CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA  
CONNECTING MAJULI**

783. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is any proposal for constructing a bridge over the Brahmaputra river connecting Majuli, a world heritage site and Nimatighat;
- (b) if so, at what stage the proposal is pending;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for dredging of Brahmaputra River and construction of Highways by both side of the river; and
- (d) if so, at what stage the proposal is pending?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A bridge with immediate south and north bank approaches over Brahmaputra river connecting Majuli to Jorhat in Assam amounting to Rs. 925.47 cr. has been sanctioned for which bids have been received.

( c ) and (d) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body, under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways does maintenance dredging for shipping and navigation on National Waterways-2 (NW-2, River Brahmaputra). The dredging work is carried out on need basis for smooth navigation of vessels, particularly during lean season (October to March) where width and depth of the navigation channel is less than targeted Available Depth (LAD). There is no proposal for construction of highways on both sides of the river.

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