

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6649
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MAINTENANCE OF NH-52
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken for repairs, maintenance and augmentation of NH-52 for the use of defence transport besides civilian traffic; and

(b) the progress since made for construction of bridge over the river Jiabharali at Chowkighat including realignment of NH-52 from NH-37A to Jamuguri via Chowkighat?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The portion of NH-52 falling in Assam State was in a deplorable state of maintenance when it was taken over by the Border Roads Organisation from the State Government in May, 2002. Immediate rehabilitation efforts relating to repair of pot holes, protection of formation, repair of hume pipe minor bridges, repair of timber bridges and repair of approaches to Permanent Bridges have since been carried out. The Border Road Organisation is also undertaking upgradation of this NH to the double lane specification alongwith other rehabilitation measures from 2003-2004 in a phased manner. The portion of NH-52 falling in Arunachal Pradesh is being developed to NH (Single lane specification).

(b) The proposed work has so far not been entrusted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to the Border Road Organisation.