

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF ROADS IN STATES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has expressed concern about the poor condition of roads constructed in various States including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures suggested by the World Bank in its report;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. World Bank has expressed its concern over the slow progress in four packages from Uttar Pradesh / Bihar Border to Muzaffarpur on NH-28 in the State of Bihar and one package from Ayodhya to Gorakhpur on NH-28 in the state of Uttar Pradesh under World Bank aided Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway Project (LMNHP). The observations of the World Bank were mainly relating to poor performance of contractors and inadequate safety arrangements at site.

(c) to (e) A detailed time bound action plan was drawn up with World Bank to adequately address the concerns of the World Bank and enable early completion of the project including restructuring of the loan de-linking four packages located in Bihar. The Government is already seized of the various issues relating to roads sector including capacity building. The National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE), under the aegis of this Ministry has trained over 17,985 Highway Engineers since 2001. Further, B.K. Chaturvedi Committee appointed by the Government has made wide ranging recommendations on some issues concerning speedy implementation of National Highways Development Projects.