

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-NEPAL ROAD CONNECTIVITY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to connect National Highway No.29(E) in Gorakhpur, UP with Sonauli in Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) A proposal for upgradation of the existing National Highway 29 (E) from Gorakhpur to Sonauli in Uttar Pradesh, which is of 104.4 km length, has been entrusted to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). A Detailed Project Report has been prepared by NHAI in this regard. It is being maintained through National Highway wing of Public Works Department (PWD) of Uttar Pradesh from funds provided by NHAI. In the past four years, a total amount of Rs 18.1 crore has been sanctioned and Rs 13.2 crore have been released by NHAI for upkeep of the Highway. Further, a proposal for construction of a new bridge in place of old Mahesara bridge on the Highway is under consideration.