

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/ NHA had accorded sanction for the construction of National Highways No. 104 and 105 in 2008-09 but the construction has not started as yet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total length (in kilometres) of the said National Highways passing through Bihar and the name of places likely to be covered alongwith the present status thereof;
- (d) whether the approval for construction of a bridge on the NH 104 across the Bhutahi Balan river near Laukha in Madhubani district in Bihar was also accorded in the year 2008-09;
- (e) if so, the details alongwith the present status thereof; and
- (f) the estimated expenditure for construction of the said NHs including a bridge on NH 104 and the time by which they are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Development of National Highways is a continuous process Works are sanctioned on the basis of inter se priority, traffic needs and availability of fund. During the year 2008-09 the Ministry had accorded sanction for two works were sanctioned on NH 104, viz.

i) Construction of new High Level RCC Bridge including approaches in km 194 to 195 over river Bhutahi Balan for an amount of Rs.24.66 crore, and

ii) Periodic Renewal in km 133 to 142 for an amount of Rs.2.15 crore.

The work of the bridge and approaches could not start due to poor response to the bids even after three calls. The work of periodic renewal is substantially completed. The total length of National Highway No.104 is 214 km and passes through Chakia, Madhuban, Shivhar, Sitamarhi, Bhitamore, Jaynagar, Laukaha and Narahia, National Highway No.105, which starts from Darbhanga and terminates at Jaynagar, is 54 km. The present status of the National Highways is that the road is being kept in traffic worthy condition through maintenance efforts within the available funds.