

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2249
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
EAST-WEST CORRIDOR IN BIHAR
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

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

- (a) whether the construction work of East-West Corridor in Bihar is progressing satisfactorily;
- (b) if not, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether the agencies involved in the construction of NH-57 are taking adequate action to complete the project in time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the construction work carried out along the banks of river Kosi is unsatisfactory; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the corrective measures proposed in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Construction work of East West Corridor in Bihar is delayed mainly due to delay in the land acquisition, shifting of utilities, cutting of trees, unprecedented flood during the year 2007 & 2008 and poor performance by the contractors.
- (c) & (d): The 4-laning projects of Muzaffarpur to Purnea Section of NH-57 in Bihar under East West Corridor (NHDP Phase-II) are in progress but delayed mainly due to delay in the land acquisition, shifting of utilities, cutting of trees, unprecedented flood in Bihar during year 2007 & 2008 and also due to slow progress by the contractors. At present all the construction firms and agencies involved in the construction work are taking adequate action to complete the projects timely.
- (e) to (f): No, Sir. In order to carefully monitor the construction work of bridge across river Kosi alongwith its approaches, Guide Bund and Afflux Bund, Independent Consultants have been engaged by NHAI for supervising the quality of work by conducting periodic control checks in consultation with Project Director, NHAI. In addition to this, Independent Consultant is monitoring day-to-day progress of these projects so as to achieve quality and timely construction of the projects.