

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2255

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN BIHAR

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

- (a) whether the condition of National Highways including several stretches of the NH-107 and the bridges thereon are in a dilapidated condition in Bihar thereby hindering the smooth flow of traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, funds allocated for repairs and the remedial measures being taken in this regard; (
- (c) whether the Patna-Buxar and Khagaria-Bakhtiarapur road projects of the NHAI in Bihar are running behind schedule;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure timely completion of the said projects and the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The condition of National Highways in Bihar is generally traffic worthy. As regards NH-107, some sections of road and some bridges need improvement/reconstruction. These works are taken up based on inter-se priority and availability of funds. Estimates amounting to Rs.4.47 crore for repair and rehabilitation of damages on NH-107 occurred due to flood in river Kosi were sanctioned in 2008-09.

(c) to (e): The stretches Patna-Buxar and Khagaria-Bakhtiarapur were identified for 4-laning under NHDP Phase-III. Even though Request for Qualification under BOT (Toll) was invited twice on 24.05.2008 and 19.01.2009, no response was received from bidders.It has been decided to restructure the proposal. It is too early to indicate likely date of completion.