

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:879  
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WIDENING OF OLD BRIDGES  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of old bridges on the National Highways in Orissa, the life span of which has expired;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct new bridges and widen the old bridges to reduce traffic congestion;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) There are 82 old bridges on National Highways in Orissa which are weak/narrow and require reconstruction /rehabilitation. However, it is not possible to ascertain whether their life span has been exceeded or not because studies have not been carried out to determine the life span of individual bridges. Depending upon their conditions, the old bridges are taken up for reconstruction/rehabilitation within the available resources.

(b) to (d) The following 24 weak and narrow bridges have been identified for reconstruction and will be taken up from Annual Plan 2010-11 onwards depending upon the availability of funds.

| NH No. | Name of the bridge  | No. of bridge |
|--------|---|---------------|
| 200    | Kharkhari nallah at Km.79.4   | 1             |
| 200    | Buchamunda at Km.83.340   | 1             |
| 200    | Badabahal at Km.95.395  | 1             |
| 200    | Rubdega at Km.105.8   | 1             |
| 201    | Km.94.1 and Km.156.1  | 2             |
| 203    | MB at Km.33.56 (washed out during flood of 2008-09)   | 1             |
| 217    | Km.222.078, Km.217.839 & Km.217.383   | 3             |
| 224    | MB at Km.78/1, Km.89/1, Km.91/2, Km.99/1 and Km.100/2   | 5             |
| 224    | MB over Podhal Nallah at Km.153.316, Chittajore nallah at Km.187.669, Guali nallah at Km.192.247, Ballat nallah at Km.193.896, Rudabahal at Km.196.334, Sunakai nallah at Km.196.654, Ramjore nallah at Km.199.473, Ranjanpalilnallah |               |

at km.201.272 and Gohirajore nallah at km.223.950