

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1389
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REPAIRING OF BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of old bridges located on the National highway-57 which are being repaired in the process of the construction of the East-West corridor in Bihar,
- (b) whether the consultant had prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the bridges;
- (c) if so, whether it meets the standards for construction of new bridges;
- (d) whether the alignment of NH-57 was changed several times causing difficulties to the farmers;
- (e) if so, whether the consultant had not viewed the project in totality while preparing the DPR;
- (f) whether the culverts and underpasses on the said National Highway have been constructed in consultation with the local people of the flood affected areas; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken for improvement in the construction of such projects?

Answer

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

- (a): Number of old bridges on NH-57 in Bihar undertaken for repair/rehabilitation/widening by National Highways Authority of India in the process of construction of East-West Corridor is 35.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. DPR has been prepared by Design consultant in accordance with Ministry's specification/IRC Codal provision.
- (d): No, Sir. Four-laning of NH-57 is being done as per original alignment.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f) & (g): The culverts and underpasses were originally proposed in the project based on DPR. However, as per site requirement and demand of local people, suitable modification in the scheme of culvert and underpasses is being done in consultation with Supervision Consultant during the execution of the projects.