

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3241
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009
NATIONAL HIGHWAY-80
Kora Shri Madhu

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

- (a) whether certain sections of the National Highway No.80 are single lane;
- (b) if so, the details of the length of such sections;
- (c) whether the development of the said sections have not been covered under the National Highways Development Programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to develop NH-80 alongwith the time by which the work on this Highway is likely to be commenced?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. A length of about 96 km of National Highway No.80 is single lane out of total length of 296.26 km. This includes 20 km length in Bihar, 63 km in Jharkhand and 13 km in West Bengal.

(c) to (e) : 70 Km length of NH-80 in Bihar is included under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. The development of balance length of NH-80 in Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal is taken up through budgetary resources in a phased manner based on the need of traffic, inter-se priority and availability of funds. 12 nos. of works amounting to Rs.79.90 crore have been sanctioned for improvement of NH-80 in Bihar. In Jharkhand 4 nos. of works amounting to Rs.19.83 crore for widening/Improvement of Riding Quality (IRQP) have been sanctioned during 2008-2009 which are in progress/tender stage. 2 nos. of works for widening to 2-lane and strengthening for a total length of 28.00 km amounting to Rs.34.00 crore have been included in the Annual Plan 2009-10. In addition to above provisions for feasibility study and detailed project report for widening to 2-lane with geometric improvements for 42 km length and land acquisition for widening from km 210.50 to 213.00 of NH-80 in Jharkhand have been made in the Annual Plan 2009-10. The feasibility study for development of NH-80 in West Bengal is in progress.