

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:193

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010

BRIDGES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether there exist several narrow bridges on various National Highways in the country causing traffic snarls including the one passing over river Narmada between Vadodara and Bharuch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government/NHAI have undertaken a review of the number of such location in the country requiring construction of additional bridges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the number of bridges constructed and the details of the funds allocated/spent for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and NH-wise; and
- (e) the details of the number of bridges proposed to be constructed on such locations, alongwith the funds allocated for the said purpose, State-wise and NH-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e): Statement is laid on the Table of House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.193 FOR ANSWER ON 23-11-2010 ASKED BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA JARDOSH AND SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL REGARDING BRIDGES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.

(a) to (e): Widening of existing narrow bridges or construction of new bridges in lieu of existing narrow bridges on the National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process depending on traffic requirements, condition of bridge, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. No separate allocation is made for construction of new bridges, state-wise or NH wise. In the stretch between Vadodara and Bharuch of NH-8, there are two parallel 2-lane bridges over river Narmada. Out of these, the old bridge has shown some distress on which commercial vehicles are not being allowed due to safety reasons. Provision of Rs 20.00 crore has been made in the current Annual Plan for repairs and rehabilitation of this bridge through the State PWD of Gujrat. In addition, National Highways Authority of India has received bids for preparation of Detailed Project Report for a new 4-lane bridge at this location.