

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3437
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2010
APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS
Sethi Shri Arjun Charan

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

- (a) whether WAPCOS a public sector consultant was appointed by the Government to study and report on how to drain out accumulated flood water in the left side of the National Highway No. 60;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above consultant has already made available its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any action thereon; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In December, 2007, NHA engaged WAPCOS to study the adequacy of waterways in km 0.00 to km 53.41 in Orissa and subsequently M/s WAPCOS was requested to study the requirement of additional waterways in km 53.41 to km 70 in West Bengal also. WAPCOS, in January 2009 recommended 1500 meter additional waterways between km 0.00 and km 70.00 of NH-60.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. Based on the recommendations of WAPCOS, implementation of additional waterways was proposed to be undertaken as part of the project of 6 laning of NH-60 and NH-6 (i.e. from Balasore to Kharagpur and Kharagpur to Dankuni) under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V. Accordingly, feasibility study was carried out. PPPAC in its 32nd Meeting held on 22.02.2010, decided to exclude the provision of additional waterways on NH-60 from the scope of 6-Laning and directed to develop with an appropriate mode after considering the technical parameters. Works of additional waterway on NH-60 as stand alone project is not viable on BOT (Toll) Basis. Therefore, it was proposed that the work of additional waterways on NH-60 may be taken up on Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Mode. Accordingly, detailed cost estimate has been prepared for undertaking the works of additional waterway (construction of 4 Major bridges, 42 Minor Bridges, 6 existing bridge to be extended and 113 culverts on NH-60 from km 0.00 to km 119.30) at an estimated cost of Rs. 372 Crore, on EPC mode.