

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2939
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NH-102
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the people have to face daily traffic jams due to narrow and poor condition of bridge on Baya river in Saraiya on National Highway-102 (Chhapra to Mujaffarpur) in Bihar;
- (b) if so, whether the proposal to widen this bridge is pending with Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be cleared;
- (d) whether there are many other narrow bridges apart from Saraiya on that highway and the width of the road in Rewa is also less, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are potholes in Ambara, Bakhra, Manikpur, Saraiya, Pokhrai, Karja, Madban etc. on this highway thereby causing traffic problems ; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to construct a concrete road in that area and also widen Saraiya and other bridges in order to ease traffic congestion caused by traffic jam on National Highway-102 and also resolve potholes problem on the same roads ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) The carriageway of the Baya river bridge at Saraiya is 3.0 m and length of the bridge is 50.0 m. This is an old masonry arch bridge. On 25.11.2011, a moving truck crashed on the bridge and it got damaged badly. All heavy vehicles have been diverted to other routes and light vehicles are passing through this bridge.
- (b)&(c) The estimate for construction of new high level reinforced concrete bridge, amounting to Rs.2.94 crore has been received. As the estimate was based on old Schedule of Rates, CE(NH) has been requested to furnish the modified estimate on the basis of current Schedule of Rates. Ministry's Officer at Patna has also been requested to inspect the site to examine the adequacy of provision made by CE(NH). The estimate shall be sanctioned as soon as the modified estimate is received.
- (d) Yes, Madam. There are seven narrow bridges at km.12, 46, 50, 52, 61, 63 & 74 on this National Highway No.102.
- (e) There were potholes in the mentioned places, which have been repaired.
- (f) For widening of Saraiya bridge, the estimate has been received and is under process in the Ministry. NH-102 has been included under National Highways Development Project Phase-IV for its improvement to two-lane with paved shoulder facility. easibility Study for the same is under finalization. After widening to two-lane with paved shoulder, there would be no traffic congestion. The other weak and narrow bridges shall also be reconstructed along with widening of the road.