

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

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

- (a) whether the Mahasetu Bridge and Mahatma Gandhi Bridge on the Ganga river on Patna-Hajipur road and Godia Bridge on NH-77 are in dilapidated condition thereby causing heavy traffic jams and frequent accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the age of these bridges,their projected life span and the expenditure incurred on them annually for maintenance;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for their repair and maintenance;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted or is proposed by expert team for solving the problem of traffic jams on the bridges;and
- (e) the time by which the bridges would be repaired?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c):

(i) Mahatma Gandhi (M.G.) Setu earlier also known as Mahasetu is about 27 years old. There has been some distress in the superstructure of M.G. Setu which is being attended on priority basis. Since 2002-03, an amount of Rs.28.91 crore has been spent for rehabilitation of this Setu. Two works for repair and rehabilitation of 14 numbers of spans of Upstream lane at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.70 crore are in progress and targeted to be completed by March, 2010.

(ii) Traffic is plying uninterrupted on M.G. Setu. However, due to repair work on 14 spans of Upstream lane mentioned in para (i) above, traffic is diverted to Downstream lane in those spans.

(iii) The Godia Bridge also known as Gorhia Bridge on NH-77, is about 100 years old. An expenditure of about Rs.2.00 lakhs per year is being incurred for repair of this bridge during the last five years.

(d): The Government of Bihar has already got conducted a study regarding the condition of M.G. Setu and suggesting remedial measures required for rehabilitation of the bridge.

(e) : A provision of Rs.30.00 crore is kept in Annual Plan 2009-10 for rehabilitation of M.G. Setu. This work after sanction would take about one year to complete.