

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:764
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2012
NH FROM SARNATH TO LUMBINI
Chauhan Shri Dara Singh

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

- (a) whether the National Highway from Sarnath to Lumbini is in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for its upgradation by converting it into four lane;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith its present status; and
- (e) the reasons for pendency of the said proposal and the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b) The National Highway from Sarnath to Lumbini is in traffic worthy condition. Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and the same are carried out based on traffic, availability of funds and inter se priority of works.
- (c) to (e) The stretch of the road from Ghagra Bridge to Varanasi has been proposed for upgradation to 4 lane divided carriageway. PPPAC in its meeting held on 17.02.2012 has approved the proposal. Bids for pre-qualification received and are under evaluation by National Highways Authority of India.