

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

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NH-33
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ranchi-Baharagora stretch on National Highway 33 is not in a ply-worthy condition due to the craters/potholes on this highway;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to expend this stretch from 4 to 6 lanes in view of frequent traffic jams on this narrow stretch;
- (d) if so, the details thereof?
- (e) whether there is any delay in the said project; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which six laning work on this stretch is likely to be started/completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up based on inter-se-priority, traffic need and availability of funds.
- (c) to (f) : The work of 4-laning of Ranchi-Mahulua section and Mahulua Baharagora section has already been awarded by NHA and Concession Agreement for these sections have been signed on 20.04.2011 and 29.02.2012 respectively. The maintenance of the existing carriageway is included in the scope of Concession Agreement. As per the present traffic requirement, the stretch qualify for 4-laning. There is no need for undertaking six laning.