

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:370
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CONDITION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN GOA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Zuari bridge at Cortalim is in a dilapidated state and non-construction of two bridge at Canacona causes great hardship to the commuters of National Highways in Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;
- (c) whether NH-17 in Goa is narrow and is in a bad shape thereby causing several accidents;and
- (d) if so, the details of steps being taken to widen and repair NH-17 in Goa, and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Zuari bridge on National Highway No. 17 (NH-17) is not in a dilapidated condition. The bridge was rehabilitated in 2001. However, the State Government has restricted the traffic on the bridge to light commercial vehicles and passenger buses only. As regards two bridges in Canacona, these are included in the project proposal prepared by National Highways Authority of India (NHA).
- (c) NH-17 in Goa is not narrow. It is mostly a two lane road with 7.00 mtr. width with good riding quality, though some stretches have intermediate lane width of 5.5 mtr.
- (d) The entire length of NH-17 in the State of Goa is proposed for four-laning under National Highway Development Project, Phase III and NHA has completed the process of project preparation and qualification of bidders with a view to award the concession on Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer basis. The work is likely to commence in 2010-2011 with completion time of about 3 years.