

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

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NHS AND
Dastidar Kakli Ghosh

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

to the reply given to USQ No. 2906 dated 12 December, 2011 regarding NH 34 and 35 and state:

- (a) whether the NHs 34 and 35 are extremely narrow and in a dilapidated condition; and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the amount allocated by the Government for repair of these NHs is not sufficient;
- (c) if so, the reasons for allocating lesser amount/funds for the said project;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to widen the road of NH-35 with ROB at Ashoknagar Habra and Doltala, Bongaon;
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof and the time by which this project is likely to be started/completed;
- (f) whether no work has been done with the allocated funds in the year 2011-12; and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the Government is planning to allot more funds for widening and strengthening of NH-35; and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. NH-34 is mostly 2-lane standard having 7.00 m wide carriageway width and NH-35 is intermediate to 2-lane with carriageway width varying from 5.5 to 7.0m. The condition of both the NHs is traffic worthy.
- (b) No, Madam
- (c) Does not arise
- (d) & (e) In view of agitation by local people against acquisition of land for taking up 4-laning proposed under NHDP-III DPR work could not materialized. Feasibility for alternative arrangement along the existing alignment including ROBs at Ashoknagar, Habra, Doltala, and Bongaon is to be explored. Accordingly, feasibility study for widening of existing road to 2-lane with paved shoulders is proposed for inclusion in Annual Plan 2012-13. It is too early to indicate any time limit.
- (f) & (g) Ministry has allocated Rs. 50.00 core for maintenance and repairs of NH-34 during current year. The repairing works in km 14.40 to 31.00 amounting to Rs. 9.02 crore has been recently awarded. Tenders for repairing work in km 165 to 193 amounting to Rs. 7.80 crore, in km 31.00 to 115 amounting to Rs. 23.76 crore and in km 115.00 to 165 amounting to Rs. 10.00 crore have been recently received. As regards NH-35, Ministry has sanctioned strengthening of existing carriageway work in km 38 to 59.60 amounting to Rs. 14.60 crore and Periodic Renewal (PR) work in km 26 to 38 amounting to Rs. 2.67 crore, which are in progress. The work of widening/Paved shoulders within the available width in town portion of Barasat town from km 0.00 to 3.00 of NH-35 is included under Annual Plan 2011-12 and estimate amounting to Rs. 4.25 crore is under active consideration of the Ministry.