

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4078
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MAHATAMA GANDHI SETU
Yadav Shri Hukamdeo Narayan

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

to Starred Question No 2923 on dated 12th December 2011 and state:

- (a) the total amount of funds spent on repair of Mahatma Gandhi Setu including Patna- Hajipur section of the road after handing over the same to National Highways Authority of India (NHA) and the amount spent earlier thereon along with the amount likely to be spent further thereon ;
- (b) the name of the expert consultant appointed for giving long term suggestions for revival alongwith the fee likely to be given to him;
- (c) the name of the predecessor of the newly appointed consultant and the amount given to him alongwith the amount spent on revival work;
- (d) whether after revival , the capacity of bridge will be equal to that of the bridge being constructed at present ;
- (e) if not , the reasons for not constructing the new bridge with the help of new technology;
- (f) the number of national highways and State highways passing through Hazipur; and
- (g) whether the burden of traffic on these highways is likely to borne by this bridge , and if so , the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) Total amount spent on repair of Mahatma Gandhi Setu including Patna- Hajipur section of the road after handing over the same to National Highways Authority of India (NHA) is Rs 1084.17 Lakh. The amount spent on repair of Mahatma Gandhi Setu before handing over to NHA is Rs 8392.77 Lakh
- (b) M/s S. N. Bhohe, Mumbai has been appointed by NHA for carrying out the feasibility study for repair and rehabilitation of M G Setu . The consultancy agreement has been signed for Rs 95,60,000/-.
- (c) M/s Stup Consultant Ltd. and the amount paid to him is Rs 24,67,495/-. As on date Rs 1569.09 Lakh has been spent on repair work out of sanctioned amount of Rs 2818.09 Lakh.
- (d) The aim of the feasibility study is to suggest long terms rehabilitation scheme for revival of the MG Setu as per the present loading capacity.
- (e) A new two lane Rail cum Road Bridge at Digha Ghat is under construction which will cater to traffic to a great extent.
- (f) Three National Highways namely NH-19, NH-77 & NH-103 and three State Highways namely SH - 49, SH-74 & SH-93 are passing through Hajipur .
- (g) The traffic moving through these three NHs and three SHs traversing through Hazipur is borne by this bridge at present. After construction of bridge at Digha Ghat , the traffic would be shared between these two bridges.