

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

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ROADS UNDER PHASE III OF NHDP
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decision was taken to construct a four lane road of short distance to connect Khushi Nagar, the Nirvana Sthal of Lord Buddha with Patna of Bihar and this road will be constructed from Hajipur to Chhapra, Siwan and Gopalganj under Phase-III of the NHDP;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this road has been constructed only upto Chhapra and the construction work has been stopped and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the construction work of said four lane road is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The stretch from Kushinagar to Patna is connected through National Highways No. 28, 85 and 19 via Gopalganj, Chhapra, Hajipur and National Highways No. 28, 77 and 19 via Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur and Hazipur. The route via Gopalganj, Chhapra, Hazipur is shorter. Improvement to four lane/two lane/two lane with paved shoulder has been taken up on both routes, package wise, under various phases of NHDP. In the shorter route traversing along National Highways No. 28, 85 and 19 via Gopalganj, Chhapra, Hazipur, four lanning from Kushinagar to Gopalganj section of NH-28 under East-West corridor is in progress and likely to be completed by December, 2012. Two lanning with paved shoulder of Gopalganj Chhapra section of NH-85 and 4-lanning of Chhapra-Hazipur of NH-19 including construction of 2-lane Chhapra bypass under NHDP-III is also in progress and likely to be completed by December, 2013 and July, 2013 respectively. Hazipur to Patna section of NH-19 is already four lanned.

On the other route, work of 4-lanning from Kushinagar to Muzaffarpur under East-West corridor and 4-lanning of Muzaffarpur- Hajipur section of NH-77 under NHDP-III is in progress and likely to be completed by December, 2012 and February, 2013 respectively. There is one more route which connects Kushinagar to Patna through National Highways No. 28, 101 and 19 via Gopalganj-Mohmadpur-Chhapra and Hazipur. This route is slightly longer than the route via Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur and Hazipur along National Highways No. 28, 77 and 19.