

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6314
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MAHATMA GANDHI SETU
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the four-lane Mahatma Gandhi Setu over River Ganga is in dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this bridge bears heavy traffic pressure from Hajipur to Chappra, Hajipur to Muzaffarpur and Hajipur to Mushrigharari thereby causing heavy traffic jams on this bridge; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any action to repair this bridge and construct big bridges across the river in order to ease traffic problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

- (a) & (b) Yes Madam. The Mahatma Gandhi Setu is constructed with pre-stressed cantilever arms having central hinge bearing between connecting arms. Arms are experiencing large deflection due to loss of pre-stresses. Further, the Patna side arm of upstream two lane bridge, connected to pier No. 44 has drooped beyond the tolerable limit.
- (c) Yes Madam.
- (d) Estimates for repair has been sanctioned by Ministry and work is in progress. State Government of Bihar has appointed consultant for feasibility of new bridge over river Ganga connecting Kachhi Dargah to Bidupur.