

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1092  
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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ACROSS NARMADA RIVER  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has approved construction of new additional four-lane bridge across river Narmada at Zadeshwar on Vadodara-Bharuch-Surat section of National Highway (NH) No. 8;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any delay in the execution of this project;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor along with its present status; and
- (e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) The project of Vadodara-Surat section of National Highway (NH) No. 8 including construction of a new 4-lane bridge across river Narmada was awarded and the concession agreement was signed on 23/07/2012. The concessionaire could not fulfil conditions precedent as per the concession agreement. The matter was examined in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in consultations with the National Highways Authority of India (NHA). As decided in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the concessionaire has been directed to complete the rehabilitation and repair of the old 2-lane bridge by October, 2013. In parallel, the construction of 4-lane extra doped bridge on Narmada River is to be taken up by NHA under Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode subject to necessary appraisal/approval. The work is likely to be completed within 3 years of the award of the work.