

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1334
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TWO LANE BRIDGE ACROSS TAPI
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the work of construction of additional two lane bridge across the river Tapi near Surat is yet to be completed inspite of extended time limit;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in completing this project;
- (c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has also urged Union Government to expedite the work; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard and the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (d) The work of construction of additional two lane bridge across river Tapi near Surat has been delayed due to the poor progress by the previous contractor (M/s U.P State Bridge Corporation Ltd, UPSBCL), whose contract was terminated in year 2007 . Thereafter, on vacation of court cases filed by M/s UPSBCL, the balance work has been awarded to BOT concessionaire of ongoing six laning project from Bharuch to Surat section of NH 8. The construction of this bridge work is in advanced stage of completion and is likely to be completed within next three months.