

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF GADHULI- SANTALPUR ROAD

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

- (a) whether any proposal has been received by the Union Government from the Government of Gujarat for construction/improvement of Gadhuli-Santalpur road;
- (b) if so,the details and the status of the proposal;
- (c) whether revised estimates for construction/improvement of Gadhuli-Santalpur road has also been received by the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the Union Government is likely to approve the project and provide funds to facilitate early commencement of construction?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The Gaduli – Santalpur road is not a National Highway. The Government of Gujarat submitted a proposal in November 2005 to Ministry of Home Affairs requesting to approve and fund the construction / improvement of 152.17 km length of road along the alignment of Gaduli – Hajipur – Khavda – Santalpur in the border districts of Kutch and Banaskantha of Gujarat State. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal, additional details were obtained from the State Government. As per the detailed Project Report submitted by the Gujarat PWD to the Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, the total length of the proposed Gaduli – Santalpur road is 255 km and the estimated cost of the project works out to Rs 580 Cr. The technical scrutiny of the proposal has been completed by Ministry of Home Affairs. Since the source of funding for this project has not been finalized, it is too early to indicate the time frame for approval.