

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the construction of National Highways No. 85 and 101 passing through Bihar has been stopped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The work of two lanning with paved shoulder of National Highway 85 (Chhapra-Siwan-Gopalganj) was awarded by National Highways Authority of India on 6.6.2011 with a concession period of 15 years on BOT (annuity) basis and a completion date of 31.05.2014. Since the progress of work by the Concessionaire M/s Abhijit Infrastructure Ltd. was slow and the work was stopped from May 2012, it was terminated on 19.02.2014 for default of Concessionaire. The project is now targeted for re-award by March, 2015 after due process for updation of cost estimate.

National Highway 101 with a length of 65 kms in the State of Bihar has been improved/widened in 50 kms and for the remaining 15 kms (Jalalpur-Sahajitpur) the work has been awarded in December 2012 and only 30% work has been completed till date. The work has been stopped due to Forest Clearance. The first stage clearance has now been obtained on 26.04.2014 and the second stage clearance is still awaited. The matter has been taken up by the State Road Construction Department with the Forest Department to expedite the clearances.