

Title: Need to expedite the completion of construction work of an additional bridge across river Tapi on N.H. 8 near Surat.

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA (SURAT): The project of construction of an additional bridge across river Tapi on NH-8 near Surat is held up since long time. Work was awarded to UPSBC but due to slow progress, NHAI is in the process of terminating the contract and thereafter new agency will be fixed. The work of fixation of new agency should be taken up on priority basis, as this is the only bottleneck having two lane configurations in entire four lane length of NHDP in Gujarat. On account of this bottleneck there are frequent traffic jams on Tapi bridge and it's approaches causing lot of hardship to traffic.

Surat, being one of the important industrial cities, needs four lanes connectivity urgently. Government of Gujarat is continuously receiving representations from Hon'ble MPs, MLAs, representatives of people and various organizations regarding slow progress of work.

In these circumstances, I urge upon the Government, to complete the construction of an additional bridge, immediately.