

Bridge on river Ganga from Bakhtiarpur to Tajpur

†1046. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken for construction of a bridge on river Ganga from Bakhtiarpur to Tajpur;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this bridge was stipulated to be completed by the year 2016;
- (c) the reason for not constructing this bridge so far;
- (d) whether this bridge is not being constructed for lack of funds; and
- (e) the amount allocated for construction of this bridge in the budget 2018-19 and the time by which it would be ready after construction, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) The bridge on river Ganga between Bakhtiarpur and Tajpur is not on a National Highway. This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Loss in national income due to road fatalities

1047. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that reducing road fatalities by half in India and keeping it at the same level till 2038 could generate additional national income of about ₹ 17.64 lakh crore;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India has the dubious distinction of maximum road deaths which was 1.51 lakh in 2016; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) As per "Road Accidents in India 2016, which is based on the information/data reported by Police Department of States/UTs is for the calendar year 2016, the total number of road accidents, and persons killed during the calendar year 2016 is 4,80,652 and 1,50,785 respectively.

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