

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the bridge made on the river Gagar is in a very poor condition due to which the road accidents are increasing and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to construct a new bridge on the river Gagar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) No, Sir. National Highways (NHs) development and maintenance is a continuous process and NHs are kept in traffic worthy condition based on availability of funds. NH No. 343 from Ambikapur to Ramanujganj is of 110 km. length in Chhattisgarh. Out of total length of 110 km., in a length of 23.00 km. from km. 58/8 to 81/6 which is in poor condition due to excessive rains .strengthening work amounting to ₹ 19.30 Cr. has been sanctioned on 20.03. 2020. In addition to this, Periodical Renewal (PR) work from km. 42.00 to 51.00 and 82.50 to 85.00 total length 11.50 km. amounting to ₹ 4.34 Cr. sanctioned on 12.12.2019 to improve the road condition.

(b) Yes, the Government is aware. During the current heavy monsoon rains, wearing coat of Gagar River bridge (km. 28/10) has been damaged and patch repairing work has been taken upto keep the bridge in traffic worthy condition.

(c) Ministry has sanctioned construction of High lever bridge on Gagar River on 05.04.2016 which requires forest clearance. The work is held up due to non-receipt of forest clearance.

Vehicle Scrappage Policy

149. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring new Vehicle Scrappage Policy under which old cars, trucks and buses will be scrapped and recycling clusters may be established near ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of discussions held with automobile industry for the successful implementation of Vehicle Scrappage Policy; and

(d) the details of incentives proposed to be provided to the consumers and industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated a note for Cabinet on Creation of an eco-system for voluntary and environment friendly phasing out of unfit and old polluting vehicles.

Construction of toll road from Pali to Palanpur, Rajasthan

†150. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the firm commissioned by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to get the toll road from Patli district to Palanpur in Rajasthan constructed, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the degradation of quality in the construction of NH-62 by NHAI has been probed by Central Road Research Institute (CRRI); and

(c) if so, the details of the investigation report?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) M/s Beawar-Pali-Pindwara Tollway Limited (Formerly M/s L&T BPP Tollway Ltd.) had constructed 4-Lane of Beawar-Pali-Pindwara Section.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. Detailed investigation about quality of construction of the National Highway-62 was entrusted to Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) by NHAI. CRRI conducted detailed investigation on the stretch and observed that the pavement had developed potholes, stripping, raveling, rutting, cracks as well as settlement in the considerable length. Accordingly, CRRI suggested for relaying and micro surfacing in the bituminous/ surface layer based on the magnitude of distresses. Concessionaire had completed all the treatment works as suggested by CRRI.

Drawbacks reported by CRRI in road construction

†151. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the drawbacks reported by Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) in its examination related to construction, the details thereof;

(b) the details of estimated cost to eliminate the serious drawbacks as stated by CRRI in its examination;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.