

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1569  
ANSWERED ON- 02/08/2021

**FOUR LANE HIGHWAYS ON THE BANKS OF GANDAK IN BIHAR**

1569. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to build a four-lane National Highway (NH) on both east and west banks of Gandak river in Bihar on Sonapur-Vaishali-Sahebganj-Areraj and Sonapur-Maker-Amnour-Taraiya- Baikunthpur-Areraj;
- (b) whether Government proposes to connect the same to city of Bettiah which is located only 32 kms away from Areraj;
- (c) if so, by when would it be notified; and
- (d) the cost to be incurred on the said three roads and by when work would start on the same?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Government of India has decided to include the stretch from Bakarpur (near Sonapur) connecting Manikpur, Sahebganj, Areraj and Bettiah in Bharatmala Scheme, which is on eastern side of Gandak. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) as well as land acquisition activities of the same has also been initiated.

Ministry has also asked NHAI to carry out DPR for the alignment on western side of Gandak River, starting from Bakarpur haat-Maker-Amnor-Taraiya-Baikunthpur-Khajuriya (Dumaria Ghat) and same has been initiated.

(c) Sonapur-Vaishali-Sahebganj-Areraj-Bettiah section has been already notified as National Highway 139W.

(d) Cost of the project, viability, mode of implementation etc. are finalised after completion of DPR. Bakarpur to Areraj stretch is targeted for award in the year 2021-22 and Areraj to Bettiah stretch is targeted for award in the year 2022-23. Appointed date/ start of work is declared/decided on achievement of all condition prescribed in the Contract/Concession agreement by both parties.

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