GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS **RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2332

ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2022

STATUS OF GORAKHPUR-SILIGURI AND VARANASI-KOLKATA GREENFIELD EXPRESSWAY

2332. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

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

- (a) the length of segments of the Gorakhpur-Siliguri and Varanasi-Kolkata Economic Corridor Greenfield expressway passing through Bihar and the districts in Bihar through which both the expressways are passing;
- (b) the current cost of both these economic corridors;
- (c) the land area required in Bihar and estimated expenditure on land acquisition;
- (d) whether Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the expressways has been prepared; and
- (e) the current status of the tender process and by when the work would be started?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) For development of Greenfield Expressways namely Gorakhpur-Siliguri and Varanasi-Kolkata, through the State of Bihar, Feasibility Study / Detailed Project Reports (DPR) have been initiated to finalize alignment, cost, project features, construction period, bidding documents etc.

Varanasi-Kolkata stretch having a tentative length of 600 kms and passing through the State of Bihar for a length of about 160 km; passes through the districts of Kaimur, Rohtas, Aurangabad and Gaya in the State of Bihar. Gorakhpur-Siliguri is having a total tentative length of 519 kms and about 416 kms length passing through the State of Bihar, passes through West Champaran, East Champaran, Seohar, Sitamarhi, Madhubani, Supaul, araria and Kishanganj districts in the State of Bihar.
