CONVERSION OF CHHAPRA-MUZAFFARPUR NH INTO FOUR LANE

3139. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to convert the Chhapra-Muzaffarpur (NH-102), which was made two-lane four years ago, into four lane in view of heavy traffic;

(b) whether Government also proposes to convert Chhapra Bypass, which is four lane at present, into six lane in view of heavy traffic;

(c) the cost of Hajipur-Chhapra NH, the amount spent on it so far, and by when construction is likely to be completed; and

(d) the estimated cost of conversion of Chhapra-Muzaffarpur NH into four lane and Chhapra Bypass into six lane and status of their progress?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for upgradation of Chhapra Bypass to higher configuration has been initiated.

(c) The total project cost of Hajipur-Chhapra NH is Rs.812.50 Cr which has been implemented under BOT (Annuity) mode for which entire cost is borne by Concessionaire, who will receive the return through fixed annuities. The progress of work in Chhapra-Hajipur section of NH-19 is slow due to financial issues with the concessionaire. At present, physical progress is about 88%.

(d) At present, there is no proposal for upgradation of Chhapra-Muzaffarpur stretch and DPR has been initiated for upgradation of Chhapra Bypass for finalisation of cost, project features etc.

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