

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2348**  
ANSWERED ON-09/08/2023

**COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY-16 IN JAJPUR, ODISHA**

2348. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) whether a portion of a bridge on the National Highway-16 near Rasulpur block in Jajpur district, Odisha collapsed which is paralyzing movement of vehicular traffic on the busy highway;
- (b) if so, the NHAI efforts to restore the bridge;
- (c) whether the NHAI has constituted an Expert Committee to look into this incident; and
- (d) details of Expert Committee report and NHAI action against erring officials and contractor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes Sir. A 72.5 m girder of a bridge on right-hand side (RHS) at km 79.614 of Chandikhole-Bhadrak section of National Highways (NH) - 16 near Rasulpur block in Jajpur District, Odisha collapsed on 18.07.2023. However, vehicular traffic movement on the busy highway has not been stopped. The traffic is diverted through 2 + 2 lane bridge on left-hand side (LHS) and is passing smoothly.

(b) to (d) An Expert Committee has been constituted to study the incident. After receipt of Expert Committee's report/ suggestions for remedial measures, further action is envisaged.

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