

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-1062
ANSWERED ON-31/07/2024

BLOCKAGES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 10

1062. SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA:

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

- (a) whether the National Highway No. 10, the lifeline of Sikkim, is blocked frequently between Sevoke and Rangpo (71km) in every Monsoon season due to landslides; and
- (b) if so, what measures Government has taken to address these frequent blockages and ensure the smooth functioning of the highway during the Monsoon season?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir, 52 km length of National Highway No. 10, (NH-10) between Coronation Bridge approach in Sevoke and Rangpoo is subjected to disruptions due to landslides and valley side subsidence in monsoons, especially in the aftermath of the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood which happened on 04.10.2023.

(b) To mitigate the problems of road blockage, slope protection/landslide mitigation works have been sanctioned by the Ministry on NH-10 for an amount of Rs. 394 crore for 4 works covering 19 locations in Financial Year 2023-24 and Rs. 125 crore for 2 works covering 16 locations in Financial Year 2024-25. Out of 6 sanctioned works, one work with sanctioned cost of Rs. 68.49 crore has been awarded and rest are at bidding stage.

Additionally, bids have also been invited for appointment of Project Management Consultancy for preparation of Detailed Project Report for works and upgradation in Sevoke and Rangpoo section of NH-10 including measures for permanent solution.
