

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3144**  
ANSWERED ON – 20/08/2025

**LONG-SPAN BRIDGES ACROSS MAJOR RIVERS**

**3144. SMT. SULATA DEO:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will consider financing long-span bridges across major rivers like the Mahanadi, Brahmani and Baitarani to improve coastal-rural connectivity; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development and maintenance of NHs, including bridges thereon, is a continuous process. Works on NHs, including construction of long-span bridges across major rivers like the Mahanadi, Brahmani and Baitarani for improving coastal-rural connectivity, are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, connectivity requirement, condition of the road/bridges, inter-se priority and synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP). Government has inter-alia taken up construction of one Major Bridge across River Mahanadi on NH-53 (Chandikhole – Paradip section), one Major Bridge across River Brahmani on NH-53 (Duburi – Chandikhole section) and two Major Bridges across River Baitarani on NH-20 (Kayangola – Aradi section) and NH-220 (Tangabila – Dhenkikot section) in the State of Odisha.

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