

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1657
ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2018

PIPRAKOTHI-RAXAUL ROAD (NH-28A)

1657. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Piprakothi-Raxaul Road (NH-28A) is severely damaged and full of potholes resulting into accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay of repair work and stipulated time of completion;
- (c) whether the Government has recently held a meeting to review the progress of the India-Nepal road connectivity projects and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for development of roads of operational and strategic significance in areas close to the Indo-Nepal border?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a)&(b) Piprakothi-Raxaul Road (NH-28A) is in motor-able condition except in a small stretch where there are a few potholes which are targeted to be repaired by December, 2018. The repair / maintenance work on this road stretch was delayed because of non-availability of construction space / working front due to parking of goods carrying vehicles, heavy rainfall, shortage of aggregate and other operational difficulties.
- (c) A meeting was held on 04-12-2018 between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) to discuss the connectivity to Integrated Check Posts (ICP) at Raxaul and Jogbani. During the meeting, LPAI requested for completion of ROB and approach road leading to ICP, Raxaul. NHAI requested LPAI to formally handover the road stretch under SSB to NHAI for developing connectivity to ICP, Jogbani. During the meeting, it was also decided that the progress of the project is to be monitored / reviewed by the officials of NHAI and LPAI on a regular basis.
- (d) The ongoing concession agreement for Piprakothi-Raxaul Road has been terminated. The bids for balance work were invited and the LOA has been issued to L-1 bidder on 10-12-2018. The development of border and International Connectivity Roads (including in areas closed to Indo- Nepal border) has been envisaged under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
