

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5275
ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2019

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NH-19

5275. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved the construction of a new four- lane Bridge (parallel to the existing MG Setu) across river Ganga on NH-19 in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the present status of work on NH-19 project in Bihar;
- (d) whether the Government is facing any hurdles in completion of NH-19 project and if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose; and
- (f) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) The project of 'construction of a new 4 lane Bridge (parallel to the MG Setu) across river Ganga on NH-19' in Bihar has been approved with the condition that invitation of bids shall be called within 10 days after the award is announced under section 3G and forest clearance. The State Government of Bihar has recently awarded 3G for land acquisition, however, forest clearance is awaited.

(c) & (d) The physical progress of '4-laning work on Chhapra- Hazipur Section of NH- 19' is about 80% at present. The Government is facing hurdles of unavailability of land due to various reasons & scarcity of resources with concessionaire. The Government has taken remedial measures by infusion of fund through NHAI and lenders. State Government of Bihar has been requested to complete land acquisition at the earliest. The lenders have also been requested for timely release of funds under One Time Fund Infusion Scheme (OTFIS).

(e) & (f) The funds of Rs. 347.00 Crore, Rs. 234.56 Crore & Rs. 231.44 Crore have been allocated, released and utilized respectively. The said project is likely to be completed by March, 2020.
