

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5424**  
ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

5424. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that National Highway (NH)-55 has been shut since 2009 due to landslides at Tindharay (Darjeeling, West Bengal) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the time by which the said NH is likely to be opened and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for widening of NH-31 along the Chicken's Neck corridor and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to construct flyovers, walkways and underpasses to ease multiple traffic chokepoints in Siliguri and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of the Trans-Asian Highway projects connecting India, Myanmar, Thailand and Singapore?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) NH-55 has been opened to traffic under controlled conditions at Tindharia since September 2016. Restoration of damaged road bench at Tindharia is in progress & targeted to be completed by March 2020.

(c) The "Chicken Neck Corridor" portion of NH-31 from Islampur (km 498) to Ghoshpukur (km 551) is already developed to 4-lane except the Islampur bypass from km 498 to km 507, which is under progress. The stretch from Ghoshpukur (km 551) to Bihar More (Km 563) section is being 4 laned.

(d) Ministry has already constructed flyovers and underpasses under AH-2 project in the stretch from Bihar More to Shivmandir of NH 31. DPR is taken up for the stretch from Shivmandir to Sevok Army Cantonment.

(e) Improvement of Imphal- Moreh section of Trans Asian Highway connecting India, Myanmar, Thailand and Singapore is taken up.

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