

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2661
ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2022**

UPGRADATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY-24

2661. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Sitapur-Bahraich stretch of National Highway (NH) - 24 in view of the need of the people of Bahraich, Gonda, Shravasti, Balrampur, etc. and other districts of terai region;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that the construction of Bareilly-Sitapur section of NH-24 has remained incomplete for the last fifteen years and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to complete it in express mode for the benefit of Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur, Sitapur, Bahraich and other districts of terai region; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country. The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) etc., including from the State of Uttar Pradesh, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including State Highways (SHs), as new NHs. The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads, including SHs, as NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The Sitapur-Bahraich Section is a state road. The development and maintenance work of State road is the responsibility of State Government.

(c) to (e) The work for Bareilly Sitapur section was started on 01.03.2011 and the contract was terminated on 03.05.2019 due to non-performance of the concessionaire. After termination, the balance work for Bareilly-Sitapur section of National Highway-24 has commenced on 17.12.2019. The work got delayed due to covid. Now, the pace of construction has picked up. Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Ullasnagar (km 290.000) has also been completed.
