

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1350
ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2023**

BRIDGE COLLAPSE ON NH

†1350. SHRI RAKESH SINGH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of bridge collapse have increased in the country;**
- (b) whether the collapse of bridges built over the National Highways has caused the loss of lives and property during last few years;**
- (c) whether the Government has decided to instal any safety gadgets to prevent the said incidents caused due to the faulty construction of these bridges;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has identified such bridges in Madhya Pradesh including Jabalpur; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) During the last 05 years, there have been 21 incidents of damage to bridges leading to condition unsafe for traffic and a total of 02 lives were lost.**

(c) & (d) Ministry carry out condition survey of existing bridges as part of preparation of detailed project report for NH development works for a section of NH and repair/rehabilitation/reconstruction of existing bridges are taken up as part of corridor development project. Ministry has issued guidelines for bridge inspection and condition survey of the existing bridges followed by appropriate repair/rehabilitation/reconstruction based on nature and severity of distresses.

(e) & (f) 31 nos of distressed bridges on NHs in Madhya Pradesh including Jabalpur have been sanctioned/approved for reconstruction and are at different stages of implementation.
