

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 52  
ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2021**

**FOUR-LANING OF SONEPUR-ARERAJ NH**

**\*52. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the alignment of Sonepur-Areraj four-lane National Highway (NH) which is connecting Patna (Bihar) to Nepal border under Bharatmala Pariyojana and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal to make it through east side of Gandak river to connect Buddhist Circuit in Vaishali and Kesaria and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and**
- (c) the time schedule fixed for completion of this project?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 52 ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2021 ASKED BY SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH AND SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR REGARDING 'FOUR-LANING OF SONEPUR-ARERAJ NH'**

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- (a) **Yes Sir. Government of India has recently notified vide notification no. S.O. 2738(E) dated 8.07.2021 the stretch from its junction with NH-139 near Patna (AIIMS) connecting Bakarpur, Manikpur, Sehebganj, Areraj and terminating at its junction with NH-727 near Bettiah in the State of Bihar as National Highway NH-139W. The same has also been included in Bharatmala Pariyojana.**
- (b) **Yes Sir. This alignment mentioned above passes through eastern side of Gandak River to connect Buddhist Circuit in Vaishali and Kesaria.**
- (c) **The Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been initiated. The projects are targeted for award in the year 2021-2022 (Bakarpur to Areraj stretch) and 2022-23 (Areraj to Bettiah stretch).**

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