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 JAILRAM 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 22ND JULY, 2021 ASKED BY SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH AND SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR REGARDING ‘FOUR-LANING OF SONEPUR-ARERAJ NH’

(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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