

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 891
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REPAIRING OF OLD BRIDGES ON NHs

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey of old and damaged bridges on National Highways in the country specially in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to repair these bridges or make new bridges to ensure accident-free road traffic;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the funds released by Government under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) to Bihar for the purpose during the last five years?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry has conducted inventory and condition surveys of bridges on National Highways. Total 7507 Bridge Structures were observed in distress conditions that includes 313 Bridge Structures in Bihar. Further, in order to ensure that the bridges are in good condition, visual as well as equipment based periodical monitoring of the highways has been mandated. Under the equipment-based monitoring, bridge inspections using Mobile Bridge

Inspection Unit (MBIU) is carried out. Ministry has established an Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) with aim to carry out condition survey including Inventorisation of all the bridges on National Highway in India. All bridges are kept in traffic worthy condition through a continuous process of repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction so that safe and uninterrupted flow of vehicles can be ensured.

Out of 313 Bridge Structures in Bihar, 293 Bridge Structures have been taken up for repairs, rehabilitation, reconstruction and balance 20 Bridge Structures shall be taken up depending upon the availability of funds and inter-se priority to keep the Structures in traffic worthy conditions.

(d) There is no special scheme for the above purpose of distressed Bridges under CRIF scheme. The CRIF amount is released based on utilization of fund submitted by State Government for development of State Roads and accordingly an amount of Rs 945.479 crore has been released under CRIF scheme to State of Bihar during the last five financial years.
