

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1626
ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024**

MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN GOPALGANJ

1626. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highways (NHs) passing through Gopalganj district of Bihar are in a bad condition, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the details of the steps taken to maintain the said NHs; and**
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred for maintenance of the said NHs during the last five years?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Maintenance of National Highways is continuous process and all efforts are made to keep NHs traffic worthy. The Ministry has evolved a mechanism to ensure Maintenance and Repair (M&R) of all NHs sections through maintenance agency. The M&R of stretches of NHs, where Development works have commenced or Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (OMT) Concessions/ Operation and

Maintenance (O&M) Contracts have been awarded, are the responsibility of the concerned Concessionaires/ Contractors till the end of the Defect Liability Period (DLP)/ the Concession Period. For remaining NHs stretches, Ministry has taken policy decision to undertake maintenance works either through Performance based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) or Short Term Maintenance Contract (STMC).

(c) Maintenance of NH-531 was under obligation of existing EPC Contractor and for maintenance of NH-27 expenditure of Rs. 10.11 Crore was incurred in the last five years.
