

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1797
ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY-31 (OLD NH-19)

1797. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NH-31 (old NH-19) has been under construction for 14 years, if so, the details thereof and reasons for the delay;**
- (b) whether the newly constructed portion of the RoB on NH-31 (old NH-19) at Tekniwas and Bishanpura Point have collapsed, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether lack of monitoring and poor construction work of the said NH has resulted in collapse of structure and even the new construction being done is of sub-standard quality and if so, the action taken thereon and the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether any action has been taken against the concessionaire or the officers concerned, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for restoration/repair of the said highway along with the reasons for delay?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Four laning of Chahapra - Hazipur section of NH-19 (new NH-31) with total project cost of Rs. 575 Cr was awarded on Annuity basis for 15 years' concession period with scheduled completion in July 2013. Due to delay in Land acquisition, clearances, shifting of utilities, issues with concessionaire/Lender, the project is delayed. Action has been taken to resolve the issues and work is now scheduled for completion in the current FY 2024-25.**

(b) Incident of falling of concrete from deck slab from Major Bridge at Km. 145+162 and creation of punch hole in the deck slab from ROB at Km. 157+860 had occurred.

(c) & (d) Replacement of deck slab of the Major Bridge completed and opened to traffic at the cost of Concessionaire as per expert advise. For damage, Team Leader of the Independent Engineer and Project Manager & Bridge Engineer of the Concessionaire were suspended after the incident. Rehabilitation work of the RoB is under progress in consultation with scheduled completion as September, 2024.
