

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 547
ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY 2024

ROB CONNECTING UP - BIHAR

†547 SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the distance of Piprasi Block of Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary Constituency from Subdivisional Headquarters, Bagaha via Ratwal - Dhanaha bridge in Bihar is 50 Kilometres from one side and is more than 60 Kilometres via Paniahwa bridge of Uttar Pradesh from other side and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the distance of Piprasi Block from Bagaha is likely to reduce to only 08 Kilometres by constructing a bridge over river Gandak in front of Jataha Ghat in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to connect Uttar Pradesh and Bihar by construction of the said bridge and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, whether the Government would consider such a proposal?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Works for development and maintenance of NHs are taken up as per inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds.

The NH connectivity across river Gandak between Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is presently through two lane Paniahwa bridge on NH-727 which passes through Valmiki Wild Life sanctuary and Tiger reserve. The Ministry has approved new alignment of NH-727 for providing connectivity of Bagaha (Bihar) with Belwania (Uttar Pradesh) for bypassing Valmiki Wild Life sanctuary and Tiger reserve which envisages construction of a new bridge across river Gandak entailing reduction in travelling distance between Piprasi and Bagha by about 19 km as compared to existing alignment of NH-727 through Paniahwa bridge.
