

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 565
ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF NH-31

565. 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) in Bihar has been under construction for over 15 years now, if so, the details thereof along with the initial cost of the project and the reasons for delay;**
- (b) whether the project has been languishing in absence of investment from the concessionaire and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the time for the contract period for completion of the project has been violated and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) 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 has been delayed. Action has been taken to resolve the issue and work is now scheduled for completion in current FY 2024-25.
