

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1777
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE OVER GANDAK RIVER

1777. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the distance between Bagaha and Piprasi in Bihar is only eight kilometres through crossing the Gandak river, whereas it takes more than 50 kilometres to cover the said distance by road;**
- (b) whether the approval has been accorded for the construction of a large bridge over the Gandak river opposite Piprasi between Bagaha in Bihar and Jatha in Uttar Pradesh, if so, whether it is likely to be an alternative to BTR, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the likely actual alignment location of the said bridge;**
- (d) whether the said bridge is likely to be connected to NH-727 by road in Uttar Pradesh; and**
- (e) if so, the location where the said bridge is likely to be connected by road along with the time by which the work on the survey or DPR preparation of the said route is likely to be started?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) Yes Sir. Ministry has engaged a consultancy firm for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for new alignment 2 lane/2 lane with paved shoulder configuration of stretch from km 95.2 near SSB camp (Ausani village) to near UP border on NH 727 in the boundary zone of Valmiki Wildlife Sanctuary & Tiger Reserve along Gandak River bank in Bihar State. Based on relative merits/demerits of different alignments proposed by DPR consultant and in consultation with State Government of Bihar, Government has already approved an alignment of about 19 km length including new bridge over river Gandak connecting Bagaha in Bihar to Belwania in Uttar Pradesh on NH-727.
