

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508  
ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**MAINTENANCE OF EAST-WEST CORRIDOR IN GOPALGANJ**

**1508. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the east-west corridor of Devapur-Kotwa section of district Gopalganj is in very dilapidated condition and requires urgent maintenance work for potholes and broken roads, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has sanctioned or awarded any contract for the repair work on east-west corridor of Devapur-Kotwa section, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the details regarding pending works on the east-west corridor of Devapur-Kotwa section along with the action initiated in this regard and the stipulated time for completion thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is continuous process and all efforts are made to keep NHs traffic worthy. Government 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, Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has taken policy decision to undertake maintenance works either through Performance based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) or Short Term Maintenance Contract (STMC).**

**For the maintenance of the Devapur-Kotwa section of NH-27 (part of the East-West Corridor), a Performance-Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) has already been awarded. Initial Rectification (IR) works under PBMC are currently in progress and scheduled to be completed by March' 2025. Furthermore, to eliminate accident black spots, underpasses are under construction as a long-term mitigation measure at four locations (two in Dewapur, one in Baithri, and one in Chainpatti). These underpasses are scheduled to be completed within a year.**

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