GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3066 ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2025

ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONNECTING NH-80

3066. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सडक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the decades-old demand for construction of a fourlane road from Pirpainti block (NH-80) in Bhagalpur district to Phulwaria Chowk in Katihar district along with a bridge over the Ganga River, remains pending in the region, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the construction of the said bridge would reduce the distance between Bhagalpur, Sahebganj (Jharkhand) and Katihar districts and significantly boost connectivity, trade, agricultural marketing, education and employment opportunities, if so, the details of the action taken so far in regard to this project; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering giving priority to this project and initiating its approval and construction at the earliest and if so, the targets and timelines fixed thereof for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) Government receives proposals for undertaking feasibility study/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for upgradation/improvement /construction of National Highways (NHs). Decisions are taken based on outcome of DPR/feasibility study in line with principles of PM-GatiShakti, inter-se-priority,

synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan etc. As far as the connectivity between Pirpainti (NH-80) to Katihar is concerned, the work of 4-laning between Pirpainti to Sahebganj, along with construction of new bridge across river Ganga at Sahebganj to connect Katihar has been awarded.
