GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 839 ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2025

CONCRETE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON INDO-NEPAL BORDER

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering construction of a permanent concrete bridge at the Katarniaghat region on the India-Nepal border in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh where people from Nepal cross daily by boat to reach Bichhia for getting essential goods and if so, the details of the current status and estimated cost of this project thereof; and
- (b) if not, whether the Government intends to consider it in the near future keeping in view the continuous public demand and key aspects such as India-Nepal trade, tourism and border security, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (b) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is responsible for development and maintenance of National

Highways (NHs). Development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs), including NHs in the State of Uttar Pradesh, is a continuous process. Works on NHs are accordingly taken up depending upon interse priority, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti framework to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

The road stretch from Kudwa to Katarniaghat via Mihinpurwa, Motipur, Nishangarh and Bichhia in a length of about 47.25 km has been notified as NH-730H; out of this, about 45.89 km is presently under Defect Liability Period and balance length of about 1.36 km is under Short Term Maintenance Contract. There is no proposal for extending NH-730H beyond Katarniaghat.
