

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 197
ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

CONSTRUCTION OF BYPASS IN MACHHLISHAHAR

***197. SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the proposed widening of existing highway or construction of bypass in the Machhlishahar area, under the 2-lane paved shoulder project or greenfield bypass package of National Highway-31, Raebareli–Jaunpur section (old National Highway-231), has commenced as per the prescribed timeline and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether full disbursement of compensation to the affected farmers of Machhlishahar tehsil in Jaunpur district has been ensured in accordance with the revised circle rates of 2025 during the widening of the said National Highway and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether provision has been made for service roads and underpasses to connect the Machhlishahar area with the National Highway and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the future plan to upgrade this stretch into a six-lane highway?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF BYPASS IN MACHHLISHAHAR.

(a) National Highway(NH)-31 (old NH-231) and NH-731B passes through Machhlishahar town. NH 731B is being widened to 2-lane with paved shoulder from Machhlishahar to Bhadohi. The bypass to Machhlishahar area is not proposed under this project.

During the widening of section from Raebareli to Jaunpur of NH-31 (old NH-231) to 2-lane with paved shoulder under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-IV, 4-lane bypass of Machhlishahar town having a length of 3.8 km was constructed and work was completed in February, 2016.

(b) In the ongoing work in Machhlishahar tehsil in Jaunpur district, about 54 Hectare land is proposed for acquisition and awarded about Rs.105 crore towards land acquisition by the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) so far.

(c) & (d) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways keeps on assessing the requirement of upgradation/underpass/service road and decision on investment is taken based on site condition, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The proposal for upgradation of this stretch into 6-lane highway is not under consideration.
