

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170
ANSWERED ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026**

DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF BRIDGE ON GANDAK RIVER AT DUMARIYA

170. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the highly dilapidated condition of the bridge over the Gandak River at Dumariya on National Highway-27 (East-West Corridor) in Gopalganj district of Bihar which poses serious risks of accidents and loss of life and property if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that the construction or reconstruction of the said bridge was awarded twice but remained incomplete due to cracks in piers and spans and other technical constraints and if so, the responsibility fixed and action taken thereon;**
- (c) whether an expert committee has recommended the use of steel frame or steel girder as a permanent solution and if so, the current status of the proposal; and**
- (d) the likely timeline for initiating permanent works and the interim safety arrangements made for traffic?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) There is an existing 2-lane bridge over Gandak River (downstream side) at Km.423.000 on NH-27 in Dumariya village which was constructed in the year 1974. The said bridge is being maintained in traffic worthy condition. However, there is traffic congestion at this location due to reduction in carriageway from**

4 lanes to 2 lanes. Further, a new 2-lane bridge over Gandak River (upstream side) adjacent to the existing 2-lane bridge is being constructed.

(b) The work of new 2 lane bridge over Gandak River was awarded initially in the 4-lane work under East West Corridor in 2007 and the contract was terminated in 2013 due to Contractor's defaults.

At the time of termination, out of 16 Spans, 9 deck slabs had been completed and the work of 7 deck slabs were to be completed.

Thereafter, bids for balance works were invited and the work was awarded in the year 2022. During the execution, structural issues were observed in already constructed structure and after consultation with Structural and Design experts, a composite superstructure is being explored.

(c) M/s RITES have been engaged for the structural assessment Audit. Accordingly, on the basis of RITES report, advise by Design Experts and the Supervision Consultant, the design for composite superstructure is under progress and the work is being taken up accordingly.

(d) The interim traffic arrangements are being done as per Indian Road Congress guidelines. The revised scheduled date for completion of work is December 2027.
