

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4384
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026**

**CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED ROAD BETWEEN SONARDIH TO GAUSHALA ON
NH-32**

4384. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any application from local representatives or organisations regarding the construction of a seven km. elevated road and lighting arrangements between Sonardih and Gaushala on National Highway (NH)-32;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government so far and the current status of the proposal thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that this stretch of NH-32 has become accident-prone due to heavy traffic and the presence of coal mining areas between Sonardih and Gaushala, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether directions have been issued by the Government to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to facilitate smooth traffic movement in this area; and

(e) if not, the time by which the Government proposes to take positive steps in this direction?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A reference regarding construction of elevated road and lighting arrangement has been received. Currently, lighting has been installed on both sides of the road from Gaushala, km 6.920 to km 9.900 in a total length of approximately 3 km, and all lights are working smoothly.

(c) to (e) As regards elevated road from Sonardih and Gaushala including 2 Railway Over-bridges (ROBs), alternate route of this section has already been developed & completed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the year 2022 as part of new section of NH-32 (New NH-18) i.e. from Mahuda to Rajganj merging at NH-2 (new NH-19).

However, in realigned section, 1.5 km stretch including Railway Overbridge (ROB) could not be developed/constructed due to Fire zone area as per report of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS).

Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for new alignment is being explored in consultation with Ministry of Coal which lies outside the fire zone.
