

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4562
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026**

WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY

†4562. SHRI RAMASHANKAR VIDHARTHI RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for widening of the Sikandarpur to Ballia section under National Highway-727B (Navalpur-Sikandarpur road) to four lanes with paved shoulders and for connecting National Highway-771A to NH-771B via Sohanpur-Ekdanga Pandit Karkat route over a length of approximately ten kilometres;**
- (b) if so, the current status of both the projects and the details of the actions taken so far to grant approval for the same; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to commence and complete the widening and connectivity works of these two routes in a time-bound manner and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the Country. The road from Sohanpur to Ekdanga Pandit Karkat is a State Road and not NH and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh is responsible for its development and maintenance.

The Government keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, for declaration / upgradation of State roads including State Highways (SHs), as NHs. The Government considers declaration of some of the State roads, including SHs, as NHs from time to time based on the requirement of connectivity, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Works on NHs, including the NHs in the State of Uttar Pradesh, are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, condition of road and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

Strengthening work on the Sikandarpur-Ballia road has been completed on 12.03.2023 and is under the Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the contractor till March 2028.
