

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1310**  
ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2016

**BHARAT MALA PROJECT**

1310. SHRI KESINENI NANI:  
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Bharat Mala Pariyojana along with the budgetary provision made thereunder;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the feasibility of the project, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has invited bids for undertaking the work under the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the roads constructed/ proposed to be constructed, State-wise and the steps taken by the Government to complete the project in the time bound manner?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry has taken up detailed review of National Highways (NHs) network with a view to improve the road connectivity to coastal / border areas, backward areas, religious places, tourist places, construction / rehabilitation / widening of about 1,500 major bridges and 200 Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, improvement of newly declared NHs providing connectivity to District Head Quarters, Connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangotri in Uttarakhand) under proposed Bharatmala Pariyojana.

The Ministry has assigned the tasks of preparation of detailed project reports (DPRs) for about 17,200 km length of roads and about 205 ROBs / RUBs to various agencies in anticipation of approval of the programme; besides, the Ministry has invited bids for preparation of DPRs for about 1,500 major bridges on NHs. However, the Bharatmala Pariyojana is yet to be formally launched.

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