

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 718
ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2026**

PROGRESS OF NHs PROJECTS IN SEEMANCHAL REGION

718. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that increasing traffic, incomplete upgradation works and inadequate road capacity at several locations on National Highways (NHs) passing through the Seemanchal region of Bihar, particularly Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj and Araria are causing difficulties in commuting, trade and transportation of agricultural produce and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the current status, sanctioned cost, expenditure incurred so far, physical progress and probable completion dates of sanctioned projects relating to widening bypasses, Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and the road safety measures on National Highways in the Seemanchal region, project-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is considering prioritizing the strengthening of National Highway infrastructure and introducing new projects, keeping in view the developmental needs of the Seemanchal region and its strategic importance as the gateway to the North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) Development and Maintenance of National Highways (NH) is a continuous process. Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and Maintenance of NHs in the country including Seemanchal (comprising of Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj and Araria districts) region of Bihar and based on the traffic density, connectivity/logistic requirements and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, NH development in the Seemanchal region of Bihar has been taken up. The total length of NH in Seemanchal Region of Bihar is 745 km out of which 408 Km length has already been developed, 84 Km length is under ongoing development and 253 km length is yet to be taken up projects in pipeline. The details of works and projects in pipe-line are annexed.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 718 FOR 23RD JULY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI TARIQ ANWAR REGARDING PROGRESS OF NHs PROJECTS IN SEEMANCHAL REGION

A. Details of Sanctioned/Ongoing Works

S r. N o.	Name of Work	Dis tricts I nvo lve d	Da te of Sa nct ion	San ctio ned Cost (in R s. cr .)	Cu rre nt St at us	Exp endi ture (in Rs. cr.)	Phy sical P rog res s	Sche dule Date of Co mple tion	Likely / Actu al Dat e of C ompl etion
1	4 Laning of Kishanganj-Bahadurganj Section of NH-27	Kis ha ng anj	18.12.2024	1117.00	On goi ng	200	26 %	19.12.2027	19.12.2027
2	Upgradation of existing highway to 2-lane with paved shoulders standard from Parsarm a to Araria Section of NH-327 E on Hybrid Annuity Mode in the state of Bihar	Ara ria	12.09.2025	1547.55	San ctio ne d	0	0%	-	-
3	2L of Maheshkunt -Saharsa-Purnea Pkg II	Pur nia	31.03.2017	1245.33	On goi ng	1094.52	94 %	11.12.2020	30.09.2026
4	Construction of ROB in km 49 of NH 131A at Gaushala	Kat iha r	06.07.2017	55.29	On goi ng	42.71	76 %	04.02.2023	31.03.2027
5	Improvement to two lane with paved shoulders of BH/WB Border-Amdabad-Manihari section from design Km 0+000 to Km23+945 of NH-131 A (Total length-23.945 Km) on EPC	Kat iha r	24.01.2022	353.27	On goi ng	46.65	7%	29.11.2026	30.06.2027

	mode in the state of Bihar.								
6	Geometric improvement of N H- 327E at Bhargama and Sukela More including provision of Raniganj Bypass in the state of Bihar.	Araria	06.03.2023	119.99	Ongoing	76.34	73%	13.12.2025	31.03.2027

B. Details of Projects in Pipeline:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Seemanchal Districts involved	Project Length (in Km.)	Length in Seemanchal Districts (in Km.)
1	Patna-Purnea Expressway	Purnea	244	60
2	Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway	Araria, Kishanganj	526	132
3	4 laning of Khagaria- Purnea section of NH-31	Katihar, Purnea	143.53	61.83
