

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING AND WIDENING OF NH - 60
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether strengthening and widening of NH 60 is under the consideration in 2003-2004;
- (b) if so, whether the dilapidated bridge over NH 60 in between Govindadham and Amarkanan under the district of Bankurain West Bengal is likely to be reconstructed;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (d) whether a by-pass on NH 60 in the area of Gangajalhati bazar is likely to be constructed ; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the widening work will be done in congested area of the said bazar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MINISTER GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI)

(a) to (e) NH-60 is a newly declared National Highway with a length of 224 kms. Out of this, four laning of 52 kms is being taken up as part of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Improvement of riding quality of 160 km has already been sanctioned and the balance is being considered in 2003-04. The present priority of the Ministry is improvement of riding quality and strengthening/raising of weak sections of National Highways. A feasibility study has been sanctioned for NH-60 in 2002-2003 for identifying the improvement requirements of this Highway. Other improvements like bypasses, widening/strengthening and reconstruction of bridges including the bridge between Govindadham and Amarkanan in district Bankura would be considered depending on the outcome of this study, traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of resources.