

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2252
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan allocation for strengthening and expansion of the National Highway Nos. 33, 34 and 35 during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the National Highways Authority of India is aware of the fact that the condition of Kulik and Nagar Bridges is critical and a road overbridge on the railway crossing at Dalkhola on National Highway No. 34 is extremely essential; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to increase the level of height of National Highway No. 34 between Gajol of Malda district and Dalkhola of Uttar Dinajpur district, which are submerged into water during flood ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Sanction issued in respect of various works during the first three years of Ninth Plan in respect of National Highways 33,34 &35 are as under:

(Rs lakh)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	
NH-33		295.86	34.13	51.14
NH-34	139.01	785.644	592.62	
NH-35	487.22	509.26	67.725	

Plan provision for the remaining two years of the Ninth Plan are as under:

(Rs Lakh)

	2000-01	2001-02 (tentative)
NH-33	756.00	1500
NH-34	1468.02+	8800.00
NH-35	236.80	1800.00

+Sanction issued so far during 2000-01 is

NH-33	425.48
NH-34	2251.08
NH-35	236.80

- (b) This section of NH-34 does not fall within the jurisdiction of National Highways Authority of India but is entrusted to the State Govt. of West Bengal. There is provision in the Annual Plan 2000-01 for rehabilitation of Kulik bridge at an estimated cost of Rs 2.00 crore. Nagar bridge has been opened to traffic in June, 1998. Land acquisition process for Dalkhola bypass which includes provision for ROB at Dalkhola is in progress. After completion of Land acquisition work will be taken up.

- (c) Ministry is taking steps to improve the condition of riding quality of bad stretches in the first instance. There is no proposal for raising of level of NH-34 between Gazol of Malda district and Dalkhola of Uttar Dinajpur district.