

# **Madan Bhandari Highway (NH 09)**

## **Background**

Madan Bhandari Highway was started with the decision of Council of Ministers dated 2075-02-06 B.S. The main objective of this highway is to provide a permanent access and connect the important quarry areas within the Churiya region and inner Terai valleys. It extends east-west and in the north of Mahendra Highway. This highway is to be developed as an industrial corridor connecting main cities in the country such as Dharan, Gaighat, Hetauda, Bharatpur, Ghorahi, Surkhet etc. which have great possibilities of conducting quarries of limestones, coal, Iron etc. It is developed with the concept of upgrading of the existing links of Strategic Road Network which will ultimately contribute to lessen travel time. Local people will have easy access for the sale of their agricultural products in the nearest markets and the unexplored historical & tourist destinations such as Ranimahal, Ridi, Resunga, Sworgadwari, Kubhinde Daha etc will have easy access for tourists with the completion of this highway.

The approximate length of this highway was 1200 Km. and the approved alignment dated 2075-02-06 B.S. was "Shantinagar-Dharan-Chatara-Gaighat-Katari-Sindhulimadi-Hetaunda-Gaindakot-Rampur-Ramdi-Ridi-Tamghas-Simaltari-Pyuthan (Machchi)-Ghorahi-Tulsipur-Botechour-Surkhet-Baddichhour-Simchour-B.P. Nagar-Sahajpur-Budar-Jogbudha-Rupal." Later on the alignment was amended as "Bahundangi-Shantinagar- Dharan-Chatara-Gaighat-Katari-Sindhulimadi-Hetauda-Gaindakot-Rampur-Ramdi-Ridi-Balkot-Sandhikharka-Shitalpati-Surkhet-Baddichhour-Sahajpur-Budar-Jogbudha-Rupal" with the decision of Council of Ministers dated 2076-02-06. The approximate length is 1390 Km out of which about 740 Km of road sections are being implemented by Madan Bhandari Highway Project Directorate while remaining are being implemented by other Projects and Road Divisions under Department of Roads as well as some sections by offices under Province. The approximate estimated cost of the Project is 75 Billion and the estimated population expected to benefitted indirectly by this highway is approximately 63 Lakhs considering overall Population of connecting districts. It is intended to be completed within fiscal year 2081/082. There are five Project Offices implementing this highway and they are:

1. Madan Bhandari Highway Project Office Damak, Jhapa
2. Madan Bhandari Highway Project Office Gaighat, Udayapur
3. Madan Bhandari Highway Project Office Hetauda, Makwanpur
4. Madan Bhandari Highway Project Office Tamghas, Gulmi

## 5. Madan Bhandari Highway Project Office, Surkhet

### Milestones

1. Detailed alignment of Dharan-Jhapa Section of Madan Bhandari Highway approved by Decision of Council of Ministers dated 2077/01/02
2. Alignment of Ridi-Surkhet Section of Madan Bhandari Highway (NH09) & Ridi-Balkot-Hansapur-Pyuthan, Pyuthan-Surkhet Road (NH19) approved by the decision of Council of Ministers dated 2078/01/13.
3. Decision of implementation of Highways NH09 & NH19 under Madan Bhandari Highway Project through budget sub-head 33701108 dated 2077/11/25 of Ministry of Finance.

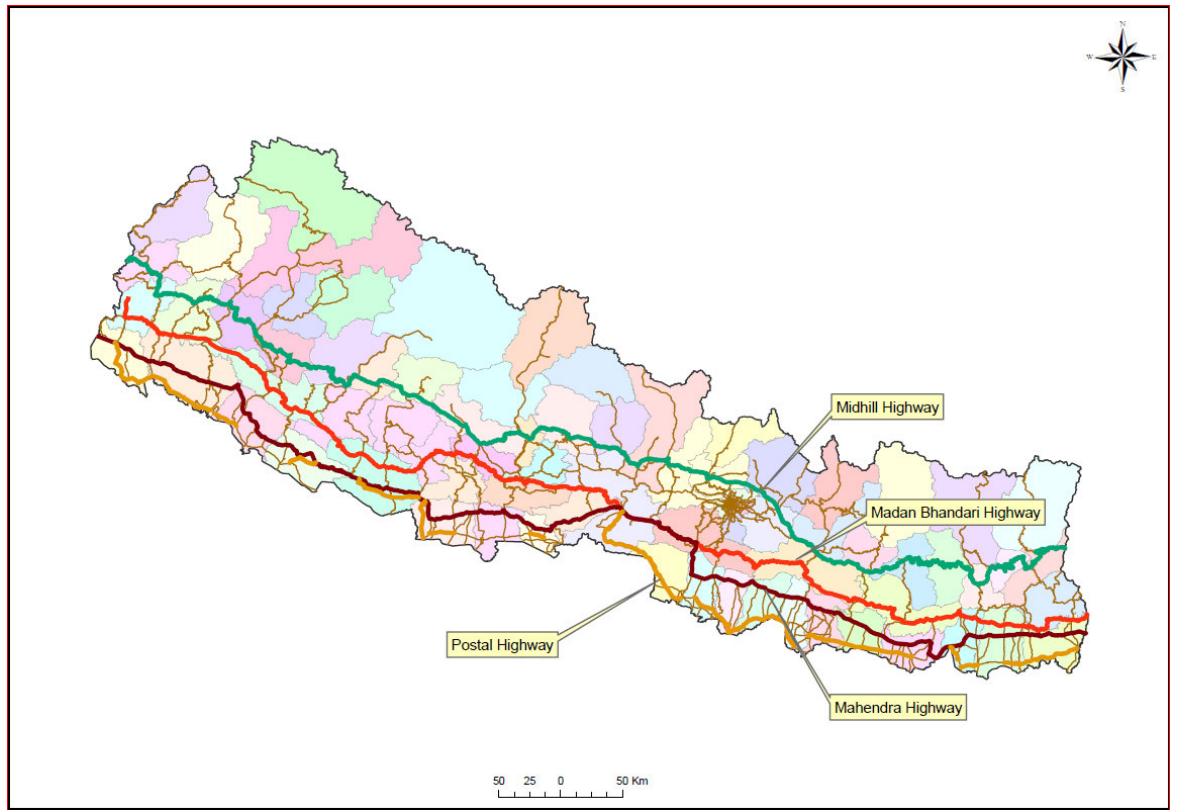
### Progress

- Among 740 Km road 240 Km road has been Blacktopped and 77 number of bridges has been completed till fiscal year 2077/078.
- 63Km of Road upgrading and 31 nos. of bridges in Dharan-Jhapa Road Section have been contracted till fiscal year 2077/078.
- 35 Km of upgrading of Botechour-Bhedabari-Dhuliyabit Road Section have been contracted in fiscal year 2077/078.
- The DPR and IEE/EIA of Remaining Road Sections are being prepared.

### Contract Status

S. N.	Road Sections	Length Under MBHP (Km)	Contract Awarded (Km)	Remaining to Contract (Km)	Remarks
1.	Dharan-Jhapa	135	63	72	DPR of 25 Km & IEE of 26 Km Road ongoing, other remaining
2.	Dharan-Hetauda	249	249	0	Upgrading works ongoing
3.	Hetauda-Ridi	-	-	-	East-West Highway & Kaligandaki Corridor

4.	Ridi-Surkhet	165	62	103	DPR of 15 Km Completed, other remaining
5.	Surkhet-Karnali	94	-	94	IEE/EIA Remaining
6.	Karnali-Rupal	97	-	97	DPR & IEE of 15 Km Completed, other remaining
<b>Total</b>		<b>740</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>366</b>	



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