

Bailey bridges to come up in flood-hit areas

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Patna: In view of massive damages to roads and bridges in the floods in the state, state road construction department (RCD) minister Nand Kishore Yadav on Tuesday announced construction of six Bailey bridges on a priority basis.

Bailey bridges are temporary bridges of lattice steel design, which do not need heavy equipment to assemble and are mostly used by the Army.

Yadav said Army has already been roped in to assemble one such bridge at Araria, where the survey work has been completed. At other places, the Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Limited

will be tasked with the construction of bridges.

Yadav told newsmen repair work had begun on many of the 203 state highways and major district roads, which were submerged in floodwaters. Several patches of even national highways have been damaged, and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and NH wing of the state RCD were at work to repair these patches. Yadav said the roads in Purnia division were the worst hit and, as such, NHAI and NH wing engineers were camping there. The department has started a helpline number, 0612-2545235, through which surveillance is being done.