

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 21.04.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**NEED FOR RESURFACING OF VADODARA SURAT N.H. .**

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SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the State Government has represented to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) regarding the need for urgent resurfacing of Vadodara-Surat National Highway, if so, by when this work will be taken up;
- (b) whether it is a fact that travel time of 3 hours has increased to 5 hours on account of bad condition of roads between Vadodara-Surat during the last 2 monsoons; and
- (c) the action taken by NHAI to prevent frequent break down of vehicle and traffic jams taking place on account of bad condition of roads and diversion given for construction?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The six-laning of stretches of Vadodara to Bharuch section (from km 108.700 to km 192.000) and Bharuch to Surat section (from km 198.000 to km 263.000) of NH-8 have already been completed in June, 2009 and August, 2009 respectively on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) Toll basis. Subsequent to upgradation, the travel time has reduced and at present the road is being maintained by Concessionaires as per Concession Agreement.