GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3931
ANSWERED ON - 06/04/2022

PROGRESS OF FOUR – LANING OF NH- 37

3931. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

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

(a) whether any major steps have been taken by Government to speed up the construction of National Highway No. 37 which is non operational in some part and the construction of the four-lane is also very slow;

(b) the alternatives Government had provided so far to the people of Assam while the construction is ongoing on National Highway No. 37; and

(c) whether Government is observing the working schedules and capacities of the contractors?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The 4-laning of the NH-37 (old), stretch of which is entrusted to NHIDCL,has been divided as per the following Civil Work Packages:

Section	Length (km)
Nagaon-Telaigaon	10.000
Teliagaon-Rangagara	8.400
Rangagara-Kaliabor Tiniali	18.320
Numaligarh-Jorhat (Excluding Dergaon Town)	39.900
Jorhat- Jhanji	10.620
Jhanji- Demow	38.500
Demow - Moran	43.750
Moran-Bogibeel	27.270
Dergaon Town	12.00

The reason for the slow progress in execution of the 4-laning work has been due to the poor performance of the contractor and slow progress in Land Acquisition. In order to speed up the construction, three contracts where default was on the part of the contractors have been terminated or foreclosed and work re-awarded. Further, notice for declaration of three contractors as non-performers have been issued. In order to further speed up the various processes of the Land Acquisition, the matter has also been taken up by NHIDCL with the State Government.

(b) The existing carriageway, throughout the stretch, where 4-laning works are ongoing, is being maintained in a traffic worthy condition, by carrying out regular maintenance (through the EPC Contractor, as per the provisions of the Contract Agreement), which is a dynamic process.

(c) The progress of the ongoing project is being closely monitored by NHIDCL at the Head Quarter/Regional Office/Project Monitoring Unit level.

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