

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-894
ANSWERED ON-09/02/2022

DELAY IN CUTTACK-SAMBALPUR NH

894. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) the reasons for the delay in the Cuttack-Sambalpur National Highway expansion;
- (b) the first projected deadline for completion of this project;
- (c) the present projected deadline for completion of this project; and
- (d) the current status of this project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The 4-laning project of Sambalpur – Cuttack section of NH-42 (new NH-55) (km 0.000 to km 265.000) has been divided into 3 construction packages. Details such as appointed date, scheduled completion date, progress and likely completion date etc. is as under:

Name of the Package	Appointed Date	Schedule Completion Date	Present progress %	Likely date of completion
Cuttack - Angul Package-I	19.01.2018	17.07.2020	51	30.06.2022
Cuttack - Angul Package-II	12.03.2018	07.09.2020	52	30.06.2022
Angul - Sambalpur section Package - III	03.03.2017	29.08.2019	70.3	30.06.2022

These projects were delayed due to delay in forest clearance, delay in tree cutting, issues related to land acquisition, eviction of structures, removal of Govt./Religious structures, Covid-19 pandemic, poor financial management of the EPC Contractor, etc.
