

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO- 81
ANSWERED ON -14/12/2022

NON-CONSTRUCTION OF MUKTSAR-MALOUT ROAD – NH 354A IN PUNJAB

81 SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) the expected date of commencement of Muktsar-Malout Road-NH 354A in Punjab; and
- (b) the expected time-line to recarpet this road with pre-mix which is in poor shape causing several accidents?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA
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BALBIR SINGH REGARDING '**NON-CONSTRUCTION OF MUKTSAR-MALOUT
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(a) & (b) The work of Widening/Upgradation of 2-Lane with paved shoulder of Sri Muktsar Sahib to Malout road from Km 279.400 to Km 307.060 section of NH-354 in the state of Punjab has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 152.58 crores on 31.03.2022. The work has been awarded to the Contractor on 16.09.2022.

Availability of encumbrance free land in 90% length of the project highway is required for declaration of Appointed Date. However, out of total project length of 27.66 km, diversion of forest land is required in area of 9.995 ha throughout the project length. Forest clearance is presently under process in Forest Department in the State Government. The Appointed Date will be declared as soon as forest clearance is granted. As per contract agreement, construction period is 18 months from the Appointed Date.
