

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 102
ANSWERED ON – 07/12/2022

CONSTRUCTION OF NH IN UTTAR PRADESH

102. SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) length of National Highways targeted for construction including the State of Uttar Pradesh, for the current financial year and the target achieved so far;
- (b) whether the pace of construction National Highways has been relatively slower in the current year and if so, the reason therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment of the slow pace of construction and if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the country including Uttar Pradesh to speed up the construction of National Highways?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c). Ministry has set a target of constructing 12,200 km National Highways during 2022-23, against which 4766 km has been constructed till November, 2022, including 340 km of length constructed in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The pace of construction is generally slower during the first half of the financial year, due to the intervening monsoon season, and picks up in the second half of the financial year. This year the above average rainfall during monsoon further impacted the construction progress. The Government is closely monitoring the construction progress and proactively working with project implementing agencies, State Governments, contractors/developers, to resolve issues/bottlenecks in projects and speed up the construction of National Highways. Periodic review meetings are being held at various levels, and several steps have been taken to improve the liquidity of funds available with contractors/developers like relaxation in contract provisions, direct payment to sub-contractors, reduction of performance security and release of retention/security money, etc.
