

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-887
ANSWERED ON-14/12/2022

EXPANSION OF ROAD NETWORK UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GATI SHAKTI YOJANA

887. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether there is any plan to expand the road network in the coastal areas of the country under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Yojana;
- (b) if so, whether a coastal corridor is being constructed in Gujarat under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the total length of this corridor in kilometres; and
- (d) the manner in which this corridor will be important for the economy of the coastal areas, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country. MoRTH has undertaken development of 55 Port Connectivity Road projects of total length of 2,753 kms. Apart from these, the work of preparation of DPR has been taken up for 2 more stretches. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) inter-alia approved the proposal of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in October 2021, for inclusion of National Highways (NHs) infrastructure projects of the Ministry in a length of 48,030 km as part of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP) for providing Multi-modal connectivity to various Economic Zones. These inter-alia include development of 2,047 km length of Port Connectivity Roads in the country (68 projects).
- (b) Yes Sir.
- (c) The length of the corridor from Bhavnagar-Veraval – Gadu – Porbandar - Dwarka-Khambhaliya - Devariya and Dhrol - Bhadra-Patiya - Pipaliya is 583.90 Km. Out of which, three no. of projects having length of 46 Km from Bhavnagar to Sosiya-Alang Ship Recycling yard, Trapaj – Manar and RoB on Kandla Kutch Road is envisaged for development in the state of Gujarat.
- (d) The corridor shall connect important places and district such as Bhavnagar, Una, Gir-Somnath, Junagadh, Porbandar, Dwarka, Devbhumidwarka, Jamnagar & Morbi. The corridor will connect places of industrial and major economic activities with ports in the region thereby facilitating cargo transportation and reducing transportation cost & time. In addition it will provide seamless connectivity to major tourism destinations and will give a boost to economic development in the region.
