

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 96
ANSWERED ON – 07/12/2022
DELAYED PROJECTS

96. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether Ministry has taken into account the road transport and highways sector that has the maximum number of delayed projects;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor;
- (c) how many projects are delayed as of now in various States including Kerala and Rajasthan; and
- (d) in the context of delay, what actions will be taken by Government to avoid exorbitant cost overrun of such delayed projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c). Yes Sir. There are 719 Number of Ministry's projects across various States including 9 projects in the State of Kerala and 31 projects in the State of Rajasthan where Construction works on National Highways was delayed to some extent due to protracted monsoon in many States above average rainfall in some States, COVID 19 pandemic, increase in price of raw materials (mainly steel), issues/bottlenecks relating to land acquisition, statutory clearances/permissions, utility shifting, encroachment removal, law & order, non-availability of soil/aggregate, financial crunch of Concessionaire, poor performance of Contractor/Concessionaire etc.

(d). The Government is closely monitoring the construction progress and proactively working with project implementing agencies, State Governments, contractors/developers to complete the delayed projects and avoid exorbitant cost overrun. Periodic review meetings are being held at various levels, to resolve issues/bottlenecks and complete the delayed projects.
