

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO- *161
ANSWERED ON- 15/03/2023

EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ASSAM

*161. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work of expansion of National Highways in Assam has failed to meet deadline, particularly in upper Assam;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the contractors are not doing the work as per specification thereby nature and quality has been compromised in execution of work; and
- (c) how many Road Over Bridges (ROBs) are under construction by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Assam and by when it will be completed, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a), (b) & (c) - A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) & (c) of RAJYA SABHA
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- (a) Some of the NH expansion projects in Assam (including those in upper Assam) are running behind the schedule due to various reasons like delays in land acquisition, delays in forest clearances, slow progress of contractors, COVID-19 pandemic etc. The details of such works along with main reasons for the delay are at Annexure - I.
- (b) All NH works including expansion works are being executed by contractors as per standards & specifications of the Ministry / relevant IRC Codes. The contractors are contractually bound to ensure quality as per contract conditions. Works are regularly supervised through Authority Engineers/Independent Engineers, appointed by the authority. Tests on the works are carried out as per prescribed frequency during each stage of construction for checking quality and ensuring its conformity to the laid down standards & specifications prescribed under the contract. In addition, inspections are also carried out by field officers of implementing agencies (State PWD / NHIDCL/ NHAI/ BRO) from time to time apart from inspections by Ministry's Officers for ensuring quality and adherence to norms. As such there is no compromise in quality of works.
- (c) Fifteen (15) ROBs are being constructed on NHs in Assam. Details are at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 161 FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2023 ASKED BY SH. BHUBANESWAR KALITA REGARDING EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ASSAM.

Sr. No.	Scheme	Name of the package	Length	Sanctioned Cost	Original Scheduled date of Completion	Likely Completion Date	Main Reasons for delay
1	SARDP	Nagaon Bypass to Teliagaon - Package -1	10.00	225.02	22-Dec-21	31-Mar-23	COVID-19 and slow progress of contractor
2	SARDP	Teliagaon to Rangagara - Package - 2	8.40		22-Dec-21	31-Mar-23	Land Acquisition and slow progress of contractor
3	SARDP	Rangagara to KaliaborTinali	18.32	289.99	21-Apr-20	31-May-23	Land Acquisition
4	SARDP	KaliaborTinali to Dolabari	17.30	811.28	28-Nov-18	30-Apr-23	Land Acquisition, Forest Clearance, and Covid-19
5	SARDP	Jamuguri to BiswanathChariali	26.00	520.01	19-Jun-19	31-May-23	Land Acquisition, and Slow Progress of Contractor
6	SARDP	Numaligarh to Jorhat	39.72	814.56	21-May-18	30-Apr-23	Land Acquisition, and Slow Progress by Contractor

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7	NH(O)	4-laning of Dergaon town	10.60	287.63	19-Jun-22	31-Mar-23	Land Acquisition
8	SARDP	Moran Bypass to Bogibeel junction	19.17	330.30	2-Dec-21	31-Aug-23	Land acquisition, termination of first contract and Slow Progress of second Contractor
9	NHDP II	Balachera - Harangjao	25.25	887.68	24-Jun-20	31-Oct-23	Title dispute between Forest and Revenue Departments Utility shifting delayed due to Forest clearance and Wildlife Clearance
10	NH(O)-NE	4-laning of Hapachara - Tulungia section	14.66	224.85	26-Dec-22	31-Oct-23	Land Acquisition
11	NH(O)-NE	Tulungia-Jogighopa-Paikan Pkg-5	18.90	691.53	10-Jan-23	31-Oct-23	Land Acquisition
12	NH(O)-NE	Tulungia-Jogigopa-Paikan Road Pkg-6	12.30	208.84	19-Apr-22	31-Oct-24	Land Acquisition, Forest Clearance
13	NH(O)-NE	Daboka-Kathkhati Pkg-2	15.21	335.88	3-Jan-23	31-Mar-23	Forest Clearance

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14	NH(O)-TSP	Daboka-Kathkhati Pkg-3	15.01	266.25	24-Mar-22	27-Dec-22	Land Acquisition
15	NH(O)-TSP	Daboka-Kathkhati Pkg-4	15.47	260.07	17-Dec-22	31-Mar-23	Land Acquisition
16	NH(O)-NE	Daboka-Kathkhati Pkg-5	17.43	288.85	11-Jan-23	31-Dec-23	Forest Clearance and Land Acquisition

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 161 FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2023 ASKED BY SH. BHUBANESWAR KALITA REGARDING EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN ASSAM.

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Agency	NH No.	Date of start	Physical Progress	Scheduled / likely date of completion
1	One ROB under EPC work of 4 laning of Dibrugarh-Lahoal-Chabua: Package-I Bokul, Dibrugarh	NHIDCL	15	25-Jul-22	21%	24-Jul-24
2	One ROB under 4-laning of Srirampur-Dhubri (Pkg-1)	NHIDCL	127B	15-Feb-23	0%	14-Feb-25
3	Two ROB's under 4-laning of Srirampur-Dhubri (Pkg-2)	NHIDCL	127B	02-Jan-23	1%	01-Jan-25
4	Two ROB's Tulungia-Jogighopa Bridge Approach section of Bilasipura-Guwahati Deohati, Bongaigaon	NHIDCL	17	09-Jul-21	66%	31-Oct-23
5	One RUB under MMLP Package -1 District: Bongaigaon	NHIDCL	17	30-Sep-20	74%	31-Jul-23
6	Four ROB's under BiswanathChariali-Gohpur section	NHIDCL	15	11-Dec-21	61%	12-Jun-23
7	One ROB on Dibrugarh-Ledo (Pkg-3) section	NHIDCL	15	LoA issued. Work yet to be commenced		
8	One ROB at Panchgram	State PWD	154	30.10.2011	96%	28.02.2023
9	One ROB at Golakganj	State PWD	31	23.11.2022	0%	16.05.2024
10	One ROB under EPC work of Construction of 6 Lane Standalone	NHAI	27	05.12.2022	Work commenced	05.06.2024

Flyovers at Raha, Demow, Borghat, Kathiatali junctions and Rail Over Bridge at Jagiroad on stretches of					
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