

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1200
ANSWERED ON – 13/12/2023

DEVELOPMENT OF NH INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

1200. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the total length of National Highways has grown to 1,50,000 kms in 2023 at an average of 7,220 kms per year, with 20 kms per day construction rate and if so, State-wise NH network available at the moment;
- (b) whether is it a fact that NHAI's total debt stand at ₹3.75 lakh crore, makes NHAI economically vulnerable to handle any project on their own, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to increase the NH infrastructure in productive States like Tamil Nadu and funds allocated for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Total length of National Highways (NHs) in the country has increased from about 91,287 km in March, 2014 to about 1,46,145 km at present.

State / Union Territory (UT) - wise length of NHs in the country at present is at Annexure.

Year-wise details of constructed NH length during the last nine years, along with pace of construction, are as under:-

Year	Constructed NH Length (km)	Pace of NH Construction (km/day)
2014-15	4,410	12
2015-16	6,061	17
2016-17	8,231	23
2017-18	9,829	27
2018-19	10,855	30
2019-20	10,237	28
2020-21	13,327	37
2021-22	10,457	29
2022-23	10,331	28

(b) Outstanding debt of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as on 30.11.2023 is Rs. 3,39,233 Crore. All debts have been raised by NHAI primarily for Infrastructure Asset creation under the ambitious project of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I. With present level of Budgetary allocation of Rs. 2,70,435 crore alongwith recovery of capital investment by way of monetisation of NHs through Investment Trust and Project based financing, there is no vulnerability in debt servicing obligation of NHAI.

(c) Ministry has laid focus on development of High-Speed Access Controlled Corridors and 4 Lane Road network to improve the NHs infrastructure in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu on the principle of Equity, Efficiency and Effectiveness. Length of 4 Lane plus NH network including High Speed Corridors has increased from about 18,371 km in March, 2014 to about 46,179 km so far.

Ministry has also emphasized on minimising less than 2 Lane NHs by upgrading these to Minimum 2 Lane / 2 Lane with Paved Shoulder. Accordingly, length of less than 2 Lane NHs has decreased from about 27,517 km in March, 2014 to about 14,870 km so far.

Capital expenditure incurred by Ministry has significantly increased from about Rs. 51,000 Crore in 2013-14 to more than Rs. 2,40,000 Crore in 2022-23.

Key strategies adopted/employed to achieve the remarkable growth and achievements of NH network in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu, undertaken by Ministry are as under:-

- i. Ministry resolved the inherited stalled projects (stalled projects till 2013-14) by close monitoring at the highest levels and also by suitable policy interventions like one time fund infusion, substitution, termination & repackaging etc.
- ii. Promoting Contractor's Ecosystem by rationalising the projects and contract documents
- iii. All project planning including preparation of DPR mandated on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) Portal
- iv. Awarding projects after adequate preparation in terms of land acquisition and preconstruction activities
- v. Simplified procedure for approval of GAD (General Arrangement Drawing) by Railways
- vi. Streamlining land acquisition process
- vii. Adoption of new technologies and continuously upgrading the standards and specifications
- viii. Raising resources from innovative financing models etc.

- ix. Relaxations in contract provisions under "Atmanirbhar Bharat" to improve liquidity of funds
- x. Revamped dispute resolution mechanism
- xi. Portal based project monitoring leading to early resolution of issues
- xii. Periodic reviews of projects at various levels

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1200 ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023 ASKED BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NH INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

State / Union Territory (UT) - wise length of NHs in the country at present: -

Sl. No.	State/UT	Length in Km
		Existing NH length
1	Andhra Pradesh	8,683
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4,285
3	Assam	4,077
4	Bihar	6,132
5	Chandigarh	15
6	Chhattisgarh	3,620
7	Delhi	157
8	Goa	299
9	Gujarat	8,099
10	Haryana	3,391
11	Himachal Pradesh	2,607
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1,876
13	Jharkhand	3,633
14	Karnataka	8,191
15	Kerala	1,858
16	Ladakh	806
17	Madhya Pradesh	9,105
18	Maharashtra	18,459
19	Manipur	1,840
20	Meghalaya	1,156
21	Mizoram	1,499
22	Nagaland	1,670
23	Odisha	5,897
24	Puducherry	64
25	Punjab	4,239
26	Rajasthan	10,706
27	Sikkim	709
28	Tamil Nadu	7,000
29	Telangana	4,926
30	Tripura	889
31	Uttar Pradesh	12,292
32	Uttarakhand	3,664
33	West Bengal	3,910
34	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	331
35	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	37
36	Daman & Diu	22
	TOTAL	146,145
