

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-411**  
ANSWERED ON-06/12/2023

**STATUS OF CUTTACK-SAMBALPUR NH PROJECT**

411. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the four-laning of Cuttack-Sambalpur NH project which started in 2016-17 remained incomplete till date;
- (b) by when NHAI targets to complete this project and the reasons behind such delay;
- (c) whether vehicular movement has come to a standstill on the National Highway-55 connecting Sambalpur and Cuttack due to construction of this project; and
- (d) if so, the details of Government's initiative to reduce traffic movement problem on this highway?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The project was delayed due to various reasons such as delay in land acquisition, forest clearance, COVID-19 and subsequently slow progress due to financial crisis of the contractor. However, on request of Contractor, Sub Contractors for balance works have already been approved. The revised date of completion is 31.3.2024.
- (c) & (d) No Sir, Vehicular movement has not come to a standstill due to construction of this Project. The existing road is being regularly maintained in traffic worthy condition.

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