

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO - 47  
ANSWERED ON – 07/02/2024

**SLOWDOWN IN AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR NHS**

**47. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the slowdown in awarding of contracts for National Highways (NHs) in the first half of the current financial year, if so, the steps taken to address this issue;

(b) the total length of National Highways that have been awarded contracts this year, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has analyzed the reasons behind slowdown in awarding contracts for National Highways this year; and

(d) whether Government is considering any policy changes or initiatives to encourage more private sector participation in construction of National Highways?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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NHS

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. Ministry has urged all the implementing agencies to improve their progress in awarding of contracts by fast tracking process of fulfillment of conditions precedent for sanction/award. Implementing agencies have been advised to expedite pre-construction activities like land acquisition, regulatory clearance for environment/forest/wildlife, approval of GAD from Railways, NOCs from different authorities, etc., through frequent and pro-active coordination with the State Government and other concerned authorities. Further, periodic review meetings are being held at various levels on daily/weekly basis, to monitor and expedite progress in sanction and award of projects.

During the current financial year up to December, 2023, the implementing agencies of the Ministry have reported award of 272 projects comprising 3,111 km total length with costing of about Rs. 50,900 crore under various schemes of the Ministry.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir.

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