

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-93
ANSWERED ON-31/07/2024

PROGRESS OF EXPRESSWAYS IN WEST BENGAL

93. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) the current status of the Kharagpur-Burdwan-Moregram Expressway, Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway, Varanasi-Kolkata Expressway and Raxual-Haldia Expressway passing through West Bengal;
- (b) whether the land acquisition process has been completed for the West Bengal stretch of these expressways;
- (c) the percentage of work completed for each of these four expressways in West Bengal; and
- (d) whether there are any other expressways planned for development in West Bengal?

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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2024 ASKED BY SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA REGARDING 'PROGRESS OF EXPRESSWAYS IN WEST BENGAL'.

(a) to (c) DPRs for Kharagpur – Burdwan - Moregram, Gorakhpur - Siliguri, Varanasi - Kolkata and Raxual - Haldia High Speed Corridors have been awarded. The award of civil work can be after the completion of DPR, statutory clearances and pre-construction activities depending upon projected traffic, techno - economic viability, availability of funds and inter-se-priority.

(d) Development of National Highways is a continuous process. Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments including West Bengal for declaration/upgradation/development of NHs/Expressways. Decisions are taken based on the fulfilment of the criteria, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
