

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-270
ANSWERED ON-24/07/2024

GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL IN MAHARASHTRA

270. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the Minister is aware of the disrepair on Mumbai-Ahmedabad stretch on NH-48, and the steps being taken to address these issues;
- (b) whether the quality control measures during construction are being reviewed due to reports of rapid road deterioration and safety hazards;
- (c) the ongoing toll collection concerns despite assurances, efforts underway to ensure compliance with acceptable maintenance standards;
- (d) the measures being implemented to enforce compliance made by the Ministry and the Supreme Court; and
- (e) the steps being taken to expedite the Mumbai-Ahmedabad stretch's completion by April 2025, aiming to minimize disruptions caused by construction and lane reductions?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) NHAI has taken up White Topping in Achhad - Dahisar Section of Mumbai-Ahmedabad road as long terms solution for deteriorated pavement due to high rainfall and high volume of traffic. During construction and curing period of White Topping, traffic is required to be diverted on service road which leads to congestion during peak hours leading to inconvenience to the traffic. In order to mitigate inconvenience, decisions have been taken with the help of the State Government resulting in improvement in progress of work and better management of traffic.
- (b) Quality control measures in accordance with IRC Guidelines are being ensured through Authority Engineer. In addition, Independent agency/expert has been engaged for quality audit.
- (c) User Fee is collected as per NH Fee Rules 2008 at toll plazas.
- (d) All safety measures are being enforced in compliance of IRC Guidelines.
- (e) The scheduled date for completion of pavement rehabilitation work is April,2024. Meanwhile, the stretch is being maintained in traffic worthy condition through regular operation and maintenance work.
