

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1863
ANSWERED ON-11/12/2024

STATUS OF CHANDIKHOLE-DUBURI NH-53 AND ITS PROGRESS

1863. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) the present status of the Chandikhole-Duburi section of NH-53 in terms of construction and upgradation work;
- (b) the timeline set for the completion of the project and the reasons for delays; and
- (c) the details of the budget allocated and spent on the upgradation of this section?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The 4-laning for a length of 39.40 km in Duburi-Chandikhole section of NH-53 is in progress with physical progress of 82%. 4-laning of 34.10 Km length has been substantially completed.
- (b) The revised scheduled date of completion of the project is February, 2025. The project got delayed primarily due to poor mobilization of resources by the Contractor, COVID Pandemic, public demands for additional structures at various locations, delay in quarry permission issues etc. Government has taken various initiatives for expediting project on National highway in the country including the state of Odisha, like streamlining and expediting of land acquisition, Revamping Parivesh Portal for forest and environment clearances, online approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of ROB/RUB from Railways, review meetings at various levels with all stake holders including State Governments.
- (c) The total project Cost is Rs. 907.61crore and expenditure incurred is Rs. 515.37 crore.
