

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2639
ANSWERED ON-18/12/2024

TRAFFIC CHAOS ON OLD NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO.2

2639. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Old National Highway 2, apart from having historical significance is very integral in connecting Dhanbad to Delhi on one side and to Kolkata via Durgapur on the other side;
- (b) whether Government is aware that due to numerous crossroads on the highway, it faces huge traffic issues on a daily basis;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to reduce congestion and make it an express truly;
- (d) whether Government is planning to build flyovers on all the crossroads to reduce traffic chaos, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes Sir. Old National Highway-2 (New NH-19) is the part of Golden Quadrilateral, which connects Delhi to Kolkata.
- (b) to (d) In order to avoid the traffic issues, as part of widening of Old NH-02 (New NH-19) from four lane to six lane, additional structures are provisioned/completed based on site requirement and technical feasibility to avoid conflict with various type of cross roads. Further, a Greenfield 6 lane High Speed corridor is also proposed for development between Varansi - Kolkata.
