

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-263**  
ANSWERED ON-27/11/2024

**STATUS OF PARADEEP-DUBURI NH-53 NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECT**

263. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:  
SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

- (a) the status of the Paradeep-Duburi NH-53 National Highway project in Odisha;
- (b) whether any significant delays have been encountered in the construction of this project; and
- (c) the reasons for delays and the steps being taken to address them?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The 4-laning of Duburi-Chandikhole section of NH-53 (Package-III) for a length of 39.400 Km. is in progress with physical progress of 82%. Out of 39.400 Km., the 4-laning of 34.100 Km. length has been completed. The revised scheduled date of completion of the project is February, 2025.

Work for up gradation work of Chandikhole-Paradip section of NH-53 from 4 to 8 lanes has been awarded in four packages. Appointed Date is declared for 3 packages w.e.f. 15.12.2023. Further, the physical progress of Chandikhole - Paradip section of Package I, Package II and Package III is 20.5%, 23% and 26.5% respectively.

(b) and (c) The progress of the project of Chandikhole-Paradip section of NH-53 is as per schedule. As regards to Duburi-Chandikhole section of NH-53, the project got delayed primarily due to poor mobilization of resources by the Contractor, COVID Pandemic, public demands for additional structures at various locations involving agitation, 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.

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