

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-275
ANSWERED ON- 27/11/2024

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

275. **Shri R. Dharmar:**

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

- (a) the number of National Highway Projects approved within Tamil Nadu during the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for these highways within Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made so far;
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the highest construction standards, cost effectiveness and timely completion of National Highway projects across the country; and
- (e) whether Government is also focusing to develop world class national highways across the country, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Total 104 number of National Highway projects with total length of 1239.28 km were approved for Rs.31234.58 crores during the last three years.
- (b) Total Rs. 9612.68 crores was allocated and Rs. 9612.32 crores was utilized during last three years. During the current year, Rs. 3093 crores has been allocated and Rs. 2791.94 crores has been utilized upto October,2024.
- (c) Till date, actual construction has been achieved for 1831 km against the target of 2443 km.

(d) National Highway projects are executed following the MoRTH Specification, Standards and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Indian Roads Congress (IRC) guidelines as well as International Standards and specifications. General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 and the principles of value Engineering are followed to optimize the cost of work. Besides, the Government has taken many steps to optimize the cost of construction like use of innovative, high strength materials, use of waste materials, reuse of old materials through reclamation and recycling, use of new and innovative construction methods & equipment. These projects are regularly monitored through Project Management Information System (PMIS) Portal and Data Lake at Executing Agency level and through Project Monitoring Group (PMG) portal at Ministerial level. Specific Project Implementation Units (PIUs) and dedicated project consultants are placed at site for ensuring timely completion of projects.

(e) Yes sir, The Government has undertaken many Access Controlled Highways, Expressways and Elevated Highways like Delhi-Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway, Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, Bangalore-Chennai Expressway and Chennai Port to Madhuravoyal Elevated Highway in Tamil Nadu.
