GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2164

ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025

GOA-MUMBAI FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY

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

- (a) the details of the four-lane highway project connecting Mumbai and Goa, including the date when the project commenced, the initial estimated cost, the project's current status, and the expected timeline for its completion;
- (b) whether the project has faced delays, if so, the reasons for the delay, including issues related to land acquisition, environmental clearances and contractor performance and the revised deadlines that have been set;
- (c) whether the delay has led to cost escalations, if so, the revised estimated cost; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to address the challenges and expedite the completion of the Mumbai-Goa four-lane highway project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Goa (Panjim) Mumbai (Panvel) National Highway (NH) 66 is having total length of about 500 km. The civil construction works for development of this NH to four-lanes were started in phased manner in 14 project packages with commencement of first package between Panvel to Indapur in Maharashtra on 19.12.2011. The original sanctioned total capital cost for development of this NH to four-lanes was Rs.14,106 crores. As on date, four-lane work has been completed in 463 km length and the ongoing works in balance 24 km length is targeted for completion in phased manner by September, 2025.
- (b) to (d) The development of this NH got delayed due to delays in land acquisition and other preconstruction activities as well as cash flow issues with some of the Contractors. All the pending issues have been substantially resolved in close co-ordination with the State Government and the balance works are under implementation with target for completion in phased manner in September, 2025 with revised completion cost of Rs. 19,469 crores primarily on account of increase in cost of land acquisition, other pre-construction activities and change of scope works due to site constraints as well as introduction of additional underpasses due to demands received from public representatives.
