

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2887
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DECREASE IN CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

2887. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

(a) whether the daily average of national highway construction has decreased from 33.83 km in FY 2023-24 to 21.28 km in the current fiscal year, representing a 37% year-on-year decline, what measures is the Ministry taking to address this slowdown and expedite project completion; and

(b) whether the Ministry's total expenditure for 2024-25 is estimated at ₹2,78,000 crore, a mere 1% increase from the previous year, if so, the reasons for modest increase, and what impact will it have on ongoing and future projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has constructed 8,330 km National Highways (NHs) during current financial year up to the month of February 2025 and achieved about 80% of its construction target of 10,421 km set for the current financial year, as compared to 9,088 km constructed during corresponding period during the last financial year 2023-24. Therefore, vis-à-vis the target, pace of construction is higher this year. The Government is making all efforts to maximize the pace of construction and achieve the construction target.

(b) The budgetary expenditure of the Ministry during the previous financial year 2023-24 was ₹ 2,75,887 crore. During the current financial year 2024-25, the Ministry has incurred expenditure of ₹ 2,75,010 crore as against the budgetary allocation of ₹ 3,00,019 crore as on 23rd March, 2025. Therefore, there is no shortfall of funds for NHs projects.
