

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2983
ANSWERED ON-26/03/2025

SILCHAR-SAURASHTRA EAST-WEST CORRIDOR

2983. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) the current status of the Silchar-Saurashtra East-West Corridor under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), including the total length completed so far;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the project and the steps being taken to expedite the pending work;
- (c) the total funds allocated and utilised for the corridor during the last five years;
- (d) whether there are any proposed modifications, extensions, or realignments in the project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expected timeline for the full completion of the corridor and its impact on connectivity and economic development?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Government has taken up the project of development of Silchar Saurashtra East-West Corridor having a length of 3576.55 km out of which construction in 3480.62 km length is completed. The balance 95.93 km is under implementation / bidding stage.
- (b) The completion of balance length in West Bengal and Assam is delayed due to delays in pre-construction activities including land acquisition, delay in obtaining forest & environmental clearances, financial difficulties faced by contractors, force majeure events etc. To overcome these challenges and expedite project execution, Government has undertaken various initiatives. These include streamlining and expediting the land acquisition process, revamping the Parivesh Portal to facilitate faster forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge (ROB/RUB) from the Railways, and conducting review meetings at various levels with all stakeholders including the State Governments. The Government is taking all steps for the timely completion of the projects.
- (c) Funds are allocated project-wise. However, the details of the total funds allocated to NHAI under budgetary allocation during last five year is as under:

Sl No	Financial Year	Amount in Rs. Cr.
1	201-20	28317.65
2	2020-21	45944.60
3	2021-22	72943.89
4	2022-23	160587.14
5	2023-24	205136.21
6	2024-25**	218025.00

**Provisional allocation

(d) There is no such modification.

(e) The revised scheduled date for completion of corridor is by June 2027. This National Corridor is the gateway of North Eastern States of India which also provides connectivity to International Borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan & Nepal. This corridor has significant strategic as well as socio-economic importance and plays vital role in overall economic development of the Region.
