

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3617
ANSWERED ON - 02/04/2025

WAYSIDE AMENITIES (WSA)

3617 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the number of Wayside Amenities (WSA) already developed along National Highways and the timeline for completion of the remaining 700+ WSAs by Financial year 2025-26;
- (b) the specific facilities provided at each WSA and the mechanism for ensuring their maintenance and quality;
- (c) the number of employment opportunities created through these WSAs, especially for local artisans and vendors; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that the WSAs are evenly distributed across regions to benefit highway users across the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Government has currently awarded 501 Wayside Amenities (WSAs) along National Highways/Expressways. Out of these, 94 Wayside Amenities have been made operational. The development of more than 700 WSAs is likely to be completed by the Financial Year 2028-2029.
- (b) The Wayside Amenities have provision of facilities like Fuel Station, Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Toilets, Drinking Water, Parking, Dhaba/Restaurant/Eateries etc. A digital feedback system to enable users to provide digital inputs is installed at WSAs for the purpose of quality monitoring.
- (c) WSAs are operated by operators selected through a private bidding. However, to create employment opportunities and promote local artisans, areas have been assigned for Kiosks as part of mandatory facilities in dedicated covered zones. Also, to promote the local produce, Village Haats have been provisioned as permissible facilities through Khadi and Village Industries Commission. As WSAs are run by operators selected through a bidding system, the details of employment creation are not captured by the Government.
- (d) Government, through National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) envisions development of Wayside Amenities at approximate intervals of 40-60 km. along

National Highways and Expressways. The State-wise numbers of 501 awarded WSAs and 94 operational WSAs are annexed as Annexure-A.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (d) OF REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3617 FOR REPLY ON 02.04.2025 ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY SETH HON'BLE MP RAJYA SABHA REGARDING "WAYSIDE AMENITIES (WSA)".

Sl. No	State	No. of Awarded WSA sites	No. of operationalized WSA sites
1	Andhra Pradesh	30	5
2	Assam	8	3
3	Bihar	4	-
4	Chhattisgarh	4	-
5	Gujarat	56	9
6	Haryana	47	20
7	Himachal Pradesh	2	-
8	Jammu and Kashmir	25	-
9	Jharkhand	5	1
10	Karnataka	18	5
11	Kerala	4	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	50	11
13	Maharashtra	21	-
14	Manipur	8	-
15	Meghalaya	2	-
16	Odisha	11	-
17	Punjab	37	2
18	Rajasthan	72	20
19	Tamil Nadu	22	5
20	Telangana	10	-
21	Uttar Pradesh	48	11
22	Uttarakhand	7	-
23	West Bengal	10	2
	Grand Total	501	94
