

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3132**  
ANSWERED ON – 20/08/2025

**TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION FROM MANGLA TO CHUWARI IN HIMACHAL  
PRADESH**

**3132 # SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken into the cognizance that the need for construction of a tunnel between Mangla to Chowari in Chamba, an aspirational district of Himachal Pradesh has been felt for a long time;
- (b) whether feasibility study and Detailed Project Report (DPR) have been prepared for this project, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has included the construction of this tunnel in any central scheme like Bharatmala Pariyojana or any other scheme; and
- (d) the details of the estimated cost, timeline and benefits to the local people under this project?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The stretch from Mangla to Chuwari in Chamba is not a National Highway (NH). The Government in the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). This tunnel between Mangla to Chowari is not a part of National Highway.

However, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has initiated feasibility study and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for double lane standard tunnel from Bakarru (Chowari) to Mangla (Chamba).

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