

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3143**  
ANSWERED ON - 20/08/2025

**TIGER CROSSINGS ON SEONI-NAGPUR HIGHWAY (NH-44)**

3143. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Seoni-Nagpur Highway (NH-44) is garnering praise as there are five underpasses and four minor bridges on the newly constructed elevated 37 km stretch on NH-44 for animals from the Pench National reserve to cross over;
- (b) whether the NHAI has 5450 camera capture images from which it has been confirmed that 11 tigers have been frequently using the corridor/ underpass; and
- (c) the number of tiger crossings before the construction of the elevated stretch and whether the number of crossings has reduced or has it increased?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) In the State of Madhya Pradesh, four laning of Seoni-Madhya Pradesh/Maharashtra border of National Highway (NH)-44 having a length of about 29 km has been completed in 2021. The above stretch is having a provision of 14 Animal Under Passes (AUPs), 1 major bridge and 10 minor bridges spanning a length of 3.71 km. In addition, noise barrier in a length of 21.69 km has been provided to ensure minimum disturbance to wildlife. In the State of Maharashtra, the work of Mitigation structures in Pench Tiger Reserve from from Km 652.000 to 689.450 of NH-44 has been completed and 5 Animal underpasses (AUPs) & 4 Minor Bridges cum AUPs spanning 6.605 km in length has been completed.

(b) and (c) Cameras for monitoring of wildlife movement has been installed by the forest department of Government of Madhya Pradesh and monitoring of the same is being done by Forest Department of the State Government. The information on number of crossings before and after the construction of the elevated stretch is not maintained centrally.

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