

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-412
ANSWERED ON-23/07/2025

UNAUTHORISED TOLL OPERATION ON INCOMPLETE NH 748A

412. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the upgradation work of National Highway (NH 748A) from Khanapur to the Goa border remains incomplete;
- (b) whether, despite ongoing road works and local protests, the Ganebail toll plaza near Khanapur continues to operate;
- (c) whether the NHAI or the Ministry issues guidelines regarding toll collection on incomplete roads;
- (d) whether there are any penalties or compensation clauses for commuters due to incomplete infrastructure under the tolling agreement; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and steps taken to complete the remaining of NH-748A?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The Government has taken up the upgradation work of two-laning with/ without paved shoulders from Khanapur to Goa/KNT Border of NH-748 having a length of 52 Km. The work got delayed as original contract (awarded on 27.02.2018) was foreclosed and later on balance works were taken up separately which commenced on 21.11.2022. The balance works got delayed due to Contractor's slow progress, public demands for additional Underpasses, Road Closure requirement etc.
- (b) to (d) There is no Toll Plaza in the above stretch. However, User fee is being collected at Ganebail Toll Plaza in Belgaum-Khanapur section for completed length of 20.8 Km only as per *National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and collection) Rules*, since 24.07.2023.
- (e) The present progress is about 71% and revised scheduled date for completion is March 2026. The damages of Rs 3.2 crore for slow progress has been imposed. The Contractors has been asked to mobilize the resources and complete the work in time bound manner. Further, Government of Karnataka has also been requested to provide required road closures.
