

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-413
ANSWERED ON-23/07/2025

BOTTLENECKS IN BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA

413. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:
SHRI BRIJ LAL:
SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:
SHRI NARESH BANSAL:
DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:
SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:
SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to remove the major bottlenecks hindering the implementation of the Bharatmala Pariyojana project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this initiative supports indigenous manufacturing and infrastructure development to promote self-reliance in transport and logistics sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the total projects (in km) sanctioned and constructed till June 2025?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (b) Project implementation of National Highways often faces several challenges that affect the timely completion of projects, such as bottlenecks relating to land acquisition, delays in pre-construction activities, financial difficulties faced by contractors, force majeure events, and scarcity of construction materials etc.

To overcome these challenges and expedite project execution, the Government has undertaken various initiatives. These include streamlining and expediting the land acquisition process through Bhoomi Rashi portal, revamping the Parivesh Portal to facilitate faster forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement Drawings (GAD) for Road over Bridges (ROB) and Road under Bridges (RUB) from the Railways, and conducting review meetings at various levels with all stakeholders, including State

Governments. The Government is taking all necessary steps for timely completion of these projects.

(c) and (d) Various initiatives of the Government facilitate use of local construction materials, research on new construction technologies and local manufacturing of construction machinery & equipment, thereby strengthening the local manufacturing system, reinforcing the idea of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

It boosts the idea of enhancing connectivity to industrial corridors and ports in line with PM GatiShakti principles leading to reduced logistics costs, and improved freight efficiency, thereby strengthening India's logistics ecosystem.

(e) Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I was approved by Government in 2017 covering a length of 34,800 km across the country. Under the program, projects covering a total length of 26,425 km were awarded and out of this, 20,770 km has already been constructed.
