

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-423
ANSWERED ON-23/07/2025

STATUS OF BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA

423. SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:

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

- (a) the present status of Phase-I of the Bharatmala Pariyojana, particularly with regard to the total kilometres allocated and constructed so far against the originally targeted length and timeline;
- (b) the revised completion target for Phase-I and factors contributing to the delays and cost overruns;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to control cost escalation;
- (d) the manner in which the financing gap is being addressed; and
- (e) the details of the present strategy for funds raised from the market, private investment and potential foreign debt/bond market investments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) 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 20,770 km has already been constructed.

The various factors such as issues related to land acquisition, delays in pre-construction activities, financial difficulties faced by contractors, force majeure events, and scarcity of construction materials etc. have resulted in delays and cost overrun in certain projects.

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.

(d) to (e) The balance Project cost is being funded through Government Budgetary Support (GBS) and at present, there is no plan to raise funds from market.
