

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1212
ANSWERED ON-10/12/2025

CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY 48

1212. SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is moving to improve the condition of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad National Highway (NH-48) which is perilous and dangerous for vulnerable sections like children and elderly due to potholes and traffic snarls;
- (b) the urgent steps being taken to maintain the condition of National Highways and protect them from extreme weather conditions; and
- (c) the number of accidents happened on National Highways and what road and traveller safety measures are being put in place on National Highways?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is being done through existing concessionaires/ contractors and maintenance contractors appointed in the project corridor of Ahmedabad- Mumbai section of NH-48.

The section of NH-48 from Vadodara to Maharashtra border in State of Gujarat lies in a high rainfall region and carries up to 1.5 Lakhs Passenger Car Unit (PCU) traffic. The damages and pothole formations have been reported at some locations on the Vadodara-Bharuch-Surat -Vapi section. Post monsoon, maintenance activities including overlay have been taken up in full swing with scheduled completion by February 2026.

In Vapi to Dahisar section of NH-48, as a long-term solution, the work of white topping is in advanced stage with revised scheduled completion by March 2026.

For enhancing the safety of the Road users and the pedestrians following additional structures have been sanctioned by the Government on Vadodara – Mumbai Corridor of NH-48:

Name of stretch	Details of Structure work sanctioned for improvement of Road Safety.
Vadodara to Surat section	19 nos. of additional structures including Bridges, Flyover & Vehicular Underpass
Surat to Vapi section	9 Nos. of additional structures including Bridges, Flyover & Vehicular Underpass and 06 Nos. Foot Over Bridges
Vapi to Dahisar section	7 Nos of Vehicular Underpasses and 10 Nos. Foot Over Bridges

(c) The total number of road accidents on National Highways is as under:

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	2024 (P)
Nos. of Accidents	128825	151997	150177	146786

The Government has taken steps for immediate short-term measures on black spots like road markings, signages, crash barriers, road studs, delineators, closure of unauthorized median openings, traffic calming measures, etc. Long-term measures like improvement of road geometrics, junction improvements, spot widening of carriageway, construction of underpasses/overpasses, etc. are also taken up as per site requirement as a permanent rectification measures.
