

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1221
ANSWERED ON – 10/12/2025

DELAY IN NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

1221. SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) the number of ongoing NH projects facing delays;
- (b) the reasons for cost escalation;
- (c) the steps taken to resolve contractor-related issues;
- (d) the mechanism for real-time public disclosure of progress; and
- (e) the revised timelines for completion?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) There are 348 under construction projects that have spilled beyond one year of their original completion schedule as per contract, without attaining any of the various stages of project completion and excluding projects for termination / foreclosure.

(b) Cost overrun have been incurred in some of the National Highway (NH) projects due to various factors, like enhanced cost of compensation for land and structures, price escalation, increase in Goods & Services Tax (GST), additional facilities, like Vehicular Underpasses/Passenger Underpasses (VUPs/PUPs)/Service Roads on public demand or otherwise, change in General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) / design for Road Over / Under Bridges (ROBs/RUBs) to meet the Railway standards, etc.

(c) The Government has put in place a framework using multiple mechanisms for monitoring project progress and contractor related issues. Regular review meetings are conducted at various levels with stakeholders to assess project progress and resolving the site related issues of land acquisition, material availability, clearances etc. All efforts are made to resolve all such pending issues, including contractor / concessionaire related issues, in close coordination with the State Governments and other stakeholders, to complete these projects

(d) All ongoing works including completed works in the particular month is displayed on the website of National Highways Authority of (NHAI) and National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL).

(e) While a few projects will spill over into 2027-28, most of the projects delayed beyond 1 year are expected to be completed in the current financial year and FY 2026-27.
