

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2025
ANSWERED ON-17/12/2025

DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION ON NH-332A

2025. DR. M. DHANAPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that the work on National Highway NH-332A, connecting Mamallapuram and Puducherry, has been facing significant delays in execution;
- (b) the present status of the project, including the percentage of work completed so far; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay in construction and whether the Ministry has set a revised timeline for completion of NH-332A?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The upgradation of the section from Mamallapuram and Puducherry has been taken up in 03 packages. The details are annexed.
- (c) 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, various initiatives have been undertaken. 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 (GADs) for Road over Bridges (ROBs) 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.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2025 ANSWERED ON 17/12/2025 ASKED BY DR. M. DHANAPAL REGARDING 'DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION ON NH-332A'

Status of Mamallapuram - Puducherry section of NH-332A as on 30.11.2025

Sr. No.	Stretch / Package Name	Length (Km)	Mode	TCC (Rs. Cr.)	Start / Appointed Date	Revised / Scheduled Date of Completion	Length Completed (Km)	Physical Progress (%)	Reason for delay in construction
1	4-laning of Mamallapuram - Mugaiyur section of NH-332A from Km 0+000 - Km 31+000 (Package-1)	31.0	HAM	1360.5	12.05.2022	31.05.2026	14.5	58.7%	(1) Delay in LA including removal of 185 structures in the alignment. (2) Delay in Borrow Earth permissions. (3) Financial constraints of Concessionaire. (4) Additional works under CoS including 2 Major Bridges.
2	4-laning of Mugaiyur - Marakkanam section of NH-332A from Km 31+000 to Km 62+000 (Package-2)	31.0	HAM	1116.1	07.12.2023	30.06.2026	18.7	51.8%	(1) Delay in LA including removal of 400 structures in the alignment. (2) Delay in finalization of CoS by Concessionaire. (3) Delay in Borrow Earth permissions.
3	4-laning of Marakkanam - Puducherry section of NH-332A from Km 62+000 to Km 108+047 (Package-3)	46.0	HAM	2157.1	Project approved by CCEA on 08.08.2025. Bidding under process and the last date for submission of bids is 18.12.2025. Land acquisition is in progress.				
Total		108.0		4633.8			33.2		
