

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-423
ANSWERED ON-03/12/2025

**EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS NETWORK UNDER BHARATMALA
PARIYOJANA**

423. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) the total length of National Highways constructed in the country during the last five years.
- (b) the number of projects completed and ongoing under the Bharatmala Pariyojana;
- (c) the details of projects sanctioned in Karnataka, including expressways and economic corridors; and
- (d) how these initiatives have contributed to regional connectivity and economic growth?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constructed about 57,125 km of National Highways (NHs) during the last five financial years.
- (b) Out of 34,800 km planned under Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana, 796 projects with the total length of 26,425 km have been awarded, of which cumulative length of 21,248 km has been constructed upto September, 2025.
- (c) 3,187 km NH projects, including expressways and economic corridors, have been sanctioned / awarded in the State of Karnataka during the last five financial years.
- (d) Infrastructure sector which is the prime mover of the economy contributes to the faster economic growth and development. NH network length in the country has increased from 1,32,499 km in March 2019 to 1,46,560 km at present. Length of 4-lane and above NH network has increased by 1.4 times from 31,066 km in 2019 to 43,512 km. Also, proportion of less than 2-lane NHs has decreased from 27% in 2019 to 9% of the total NH network. Access controlled National High Speed Corridors (HSCs) / Expressways in about 3,052 km length have already been operationalized.

With the above, the average freight speed on HSCs has increased from 30-35 km/h on 4-lane NHs to about 50 km/h on HSC. These have increased regional connectivity and accessibility to the NHs across the country and also increased the logistics efficiency, thereby leading to economic growth.
