

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-433
ANSWERED ON-03/12/2025

RANCHI-VARANASI ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

433. SMT. MAHUA MAJI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of the Central Government's 413-kilometre-long Ranchi-Varanasi Economic Corridor, only 60 percent construction of the 253-kilometre section of Jharkhand has been completed so far, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in some areas there are delays in obtaining approval from the Forest Department, which has stalled the construction work, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The current status of the project in the State of Jharkhand is at **Annexure-A**.
- (b) Out of the total length of 256 km, a length of about 41 km is affected due to pending forest clearance. Details of the affected stretches are at **Annexure B**.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 433 ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025 ASKED BY SMT. MAHUA MAJI REGARDING RANCHI-VARANASI ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

The present status of the Varanasi-Ranchi section in the State of Jharkhand:

Package	Length (in km)	Total Project Cost (Rs. in crore)	Date of Start	Scheduled/Revised Date of Completion	Status
Ranchi – Bijupara	55.00	346.33	Project Completed on 07.08.2019		Work completed.
Bijupara – Kuru		229.40	Project Completed on 25.09.2019		
Kuru – Udaipura	38.60	1274.82	-	-	4-laning work awarded & Appointed Date yet to be fixed.
Udaipura – Bhogu	49.94	1436.80	09.10.2024/	31.03.2027	Physical progress 20%.
Bhogu – Sankha	49.33	1517.87	09.11.2023	30.06.2026	Physical progress 75%.
Sankha – Khajuri	22.730	1129.48	07.10.2021	15.03.2025	work completed.
Khajuri – Wyndhamganj	41.060	1436.49	15.09.2023	31.03.2026	Physical progress 92%.
Total	256.66	7,371.19			

ANNEXURE-B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 433 ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025 ASKED BY SMT. MAHUA MAJI REGARDING RANCHI-VARANASI ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

The works affected due to the pending stage-I forest clearance:

Project / Section	Length (In km)	Status
Kuru- Udaipura	38.60	The work could not be started due to pending Stage-I Forest Clearance. Affected length 15.5 km.
Udaipura- Bhogu	49.94	The work in 22 km length is yet to be started due to pending Stage-I Forest Clearance.
Bhogu- Sankha	49.33	The work in 3.5 km length is yet to be started due to pending Stage-I Forest Clearance.
