

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-434
ANSWERED ON-03/12/2025

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

434. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed to upgrade and widen the Kullu-Manali left bank highway;
- (b) if so, the expected timeline for the completion of the project;
- (c) whether Government has framed any strategy to address environmental concern and sustainable construction practices during the project, if so, efforts taken in this regard; and
- (d) the details of specific advanced engineering measures which have been planned to mitigate the risks of landslides and floods to ensure public safety on the Kullu-Manali left bank highway?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) Government keeps on assessing/preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for undertaking various projects in the country. The decision on implementation/sanction is taken based on requirement of connectivity, traffic density and synergy with the principle of PM-Gati Shakti etc. As far as the stretch between Kullu to Manali left bank highway is concerned, the work of DPR is awarded. The alignment is finalized as part of DPR, based on Technical Study considering various aspects including the environmental concern after the detailed study and discussion with various stakeholders. Further, to mitigate environmental concern, provision of viaducts and tunnels are made in the project as part of the DPR. Based on the outcome of the DPR, a decision on implementation of the project would be taken. Therefore, it is difficult to indicate the timeline at this stage.
