

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1385
ANSWERED ON – 11/02/2026

PROGRESS OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

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

- (a) the total number of National Highway projects currently under construction in the State of Punjab and the number of these projects that are delayed beyond the stipulated timelines, project-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether any official data is available with Government regarding the causes of delays in National Highway projects in Punjab, such as cost escalation, land acquisition, environmental clearances and negligence of contractors, the details thereof; and
- (c) the concrete and time-bound steps taken by Government so far to ensure timely completion of the delayed projects, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) to (c) District-wise and Project-wise status of 37 numbers of ongoing National Highways (NHs) projects in the State of Punjab, their scheduled and expected completion date is enclosed at Annexure I.

District-wise and Project-wise status of remaining 15 numbers of Sanctioned/ Awarded NH projects in the State of Punjab is enclosed at Annexure II.

Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. Works on NHs are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, condition of road and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to keep the NHs in traffic worthy condition.

At present, 4 National Highway Projects are stalled in the State of Punjab mainly due to delay in land acquisition, issue of non-reimbursement of transportation cost of pond ash by the Thermal Power Plants of the State in accordance with the notification dated 25.01.2016 of the

Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and non-availability of earth. The project-wise details are at Annexure III.

Due to non-supply of pond ash free of cost and non-reimbursement of transportation costs for pond ash for projects taken up between 25.01.2016 and 31.12.2021, Contractors and Concessionaires are unwilling to continue with project implementation and are staking claims for compensation, including resorting to arbitration.

Wherever there are defaults attributable to Contractors/Concessionaires, actions against defaulting agencies are taken up as per the provisions of the Contract/ Concession agreement in cases of delays, deficiencies/ damages, such as termination of contract agreement, levying of penalties/ liquidated damages, debarment/ blacklisting, declaring as non-performers etc.

Government actively monitors NH projects in close coordination with project implementing agencies, State Governments, contractors/developers. Periodic review meetings are held at various levels, and steps are taken to improve liquidity of funds available with contractors/developers, to expedite progress. In addition, various initiatives have been taken to avoid or reduce project delays, including streamlining land acquisition & environment clearances, online approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of Railway ROBs/RUBs, revamping dispute resolution mechanism, premium re-scheduling, one- time fund infusion, etc. Cooperation and support of the State Government has been sought from time to time, to remove impediments to project implementation.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1385 ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026 ASKED BY DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK REGARDING PROGRESS OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

District wise and Project wise status of Ongoing National Highways (NHs) projects in the State of Punjab:

Sl no	Name of the Project	Length (in Km)	TP C (Rs in Cr)	Districts from which Project is passing	Physical Progress (%)	Scheduled Completion date	Expected Completion Date	Reasons for delay	Penalties imposed on Contractor /Concessio naire for delays (if any)	Remarks
1	4L of Amritsar-Ghoman - Tanda - Una Section from Km 8.270 to Km 54.000 of NH-503A (Package-I)	35.13	128 0.37	Amritsar	58.20	17.09. 2023	30.06.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
2	Amritsar(airport Junction) - Ramdas from km. 100.835 to km. 139.813 (Pkg - IV)	38.98	524. 88	Amritsar	78.00	26.10. 2024	31.03.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
3	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Spur-III)	28.07	195 1.7	Amritsar	29.33	30.08. 2024	30.11.2026	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs, Local farmers demand, COS,	Nil	-
4	Amritsar Bypass (Pkg III) from km. 71.496 to km. 105.158	49.94	147 4.77	Amritsar	79.33	16.04. 2026	05.05.2026	LA issues, non - reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs, Local farmers demand, COS,	Nil	-
5	DAK Expressway (Amritsar Connectivity) (Spur-1)	16.9	216 5.23	Kapurthala & Taran Taran	27.48	21.06. 2025	31.12.2027	LA issues, non - reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-

6	Beas-Baba-Bakala-Batala-Dera Baba Nanak (PKG-I)	31.3	937.82	Amritsar & Gurdaspur	63.65	21.06.2025	31.12.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
7	Beas-Baba-Bakala-Batala-Dera Baba Nanak (PKG-II)	37.8	1003.38	Gurdaspur	77.20	29.12.2024	31.05.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
8	Greenfield Moga to Bajakhana section of NH-105B	43.32	1032.59	Moga & Faridkot	75.00	29.12.2024	31.05.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
9	4-lane Greenfield Malout & Dabwali Bypasses	24.93	646.4	Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib & Sirsa	98.60	31.07.2024	30.01.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
10	6 lane Amritsar-Bathinda from Km 89 to 155 of NH-754A (Pkg-III) HAM	61.87	2029.17	Bathinda	65.00	15.06.2026	16.08.2026	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
11	4 Laning of Abohar to Fazilka section of NH-07	44.96	1409.88	Fazilka	55.00	12.04.2026	30.11.2026	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
12	4/6 lane Ludhiana Roopnagar Greenfield NH 205K (Pkg-III)	43.26	1107	SAS Nagar & Roopnagar	76.34	15.02.2025	31.05.2026	Flood in 2023, Restriction on mining by Hon'ble Supreme Court, Land Acquisition & Farmers Protest	Nil	-
13	Sirhind-Mohali NH-205 AG	27.37	679	SAS Nagar & Fatehgarh Sahib	76.00	07.05.2025	30.06.2026	Delay in approval from railway and Irrigation (Syl Canal), COS, Local Demands Land Acquisition, and farmer protest	Nil	-
14	Ambala Chandigarh greenfield (HAM)	30.83	1642	SAS Nagar & Patiala	80.01	11.10.2025	30.06.2026	Farmer Protest, Land Acquisition, COS	Nil	-

15	6 lane Amritsar-Bathinda Km 0.00 to 39.00 (Pkg-I)	39	122 9.38	Jalandhar, Kapurthala and Moga	64.31	13.11.2024	30.06.2027	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS		-
16	4/6 lane Jalandhar Bypass	46.5	216 7.09	Jalandhar and Kapurthala	41.64	14.01.2025	30.06.2027	LA issues, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	-
17	6 lane Amritsar-Bathinda Km 39.00 to 93.00 (pkg-II)	54	180 1.37	Moga and Bathinda	63.06	26.06.2026	31.12.2026	NA	Nil	-
18	Hoshiarpur-Una (2L+PS) length (incl Hoshiarpur bypass) NH-503A	27.92	571. 34	Hoshiarpur	10.27	20.05.2027	20.05.2027	NA	Nil	-
19	4/6 lane Ludhiana Roopnager (Pkg-I)	37.7	136 8.91	Ludhiana	2.00	10.12.2024	11.10.2027	Contractor has stopped the work due to non-availability of land. With the land issues being addressed, the Concessionaire has demanded transportation charges for pond ash by NHA1 and intervention by NHA1 for according permission from State Government for desilting of Satluj river.	Nil	-
20	Ludhiana Bathinda from Km. 0.00 to Km. 30.300 (Pkg-I)	30.3	906. 51	Bathinda, Barnala	78.50	13.09.2025	07.03.2026	LA issues	Nil	-
21	4-lane Phagwara Hoshiarpur NH-344B	48.62	119 6.38	Hoshiarpur , Kapurthala , Jalandhar, SBS Nagar	9.33	30.03.2027	31.03.2027	Nil	Nil	-

22	Ludhiana Bathinda from Km. 30.300 to Km. 75.543 (pkg-II)	45.24	155 5.13	Ludhiana, Barnala	10.09	29.09.2027	29.09.2027	Nil	Nil	-
23	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-VII)	36.94	175 9.82	Malerkotla & Sangrur	95.02	09.07.2024	25.03.2026	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs, Local farmers demand, COS	Nil	EOT approved upto 25.03.2026
24	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-VIII)	35.09	189 5.74	Malerkotla & Ludhiana	31.08	13.03.2025	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs	Nil	-
25	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-IX)	43.04	185 1.47	Ludhiana & Jalandhar	69.07	16.07.2024	30.06.2026	LA issues, Non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs	Nil	EOT approved upto 30.06.2026
26	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-X)	39.5	217 7.54	Jalandhar	62.99	09.07.2024	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs	Nil	-
27	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-XI)	43.02	217 5.35	Jalandhar, Kapurthala & Gurdaspur	43.45	14.11.2024	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs	Nil	-
28	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-XII)	35.28	173 4.18	Gurdaspur	25.62	20.02.2027	20.02.2027	NA	Nil	-
29	Delhi Katra Expressway-Pathankot link road	12.35	666. 81	Pathankot	14.92	15.07.2027	15.07.2027	NA	Nil	-

30	Up-gradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration of NH-354 Section Arifkes-Ferozpur-Muhtsar-Malaut from Km 201.500 to Km 212.500 & Km 229.690 to Km 269.960 and strengthening of existing pavement from Km 212.500 to Km 229.690 (excluding Km 218.500 to 223.690) of NH-354 on EPC Mode in the State of Punjab. (Job No. NH-354-PB-2020-21-532)	63.27	263.19	Ferozpur, Faridkot, Muhtsar	78	15.04.2025	15.04.2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Delay has occurred in the handover of toll plaza land by the office of CALA-Cum SDM, Sri Muhtsar Sahib .(Resolved) • Delay in obtaining the NOC and GAD approval for MNBs and Culverts from the Water Resources Department.(Resolved) • Delay in Receiving utility shifting Estimates from concerned utility owning Departments.(Resolved) 	NIL	
31	Work sanction for Construction of 2 lane ROB at Railway Crossing No. C-28A on Abohar-Fazlika Rail section at Km 39/3-4 & on NH-07 at Km 12.560 on Fazlika Border in the State of Punjab on EPC mode.(Job No. NH-07-PB-2021-22-549)	0.01	38.02	Fazlika	05-Apr-00	31.08.2024	28.02.2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in approval of launching scheme by Railway Authority.(Resolved) • Delay in getting encroached land from 52nd Battalion BSF, Fazlika (Resolved) 	NIL	

32	Work of Widening/upgradation of 2-Lane with paved shoulder of Sri Muktsar Sahib to Malout road from Km 279.400 to Km 307.060 section of NH-354 in the State of Punjab on EPC mode. (Job No. NH-354-PB-2021-22-555)	27.66	152.58	Sri Muktsar Sahib	96	15.04.2025	28.02.2026	All works except Toll Plaza has been completed. The construction of Toll Plaza delayed due to non availability of encumbrance free site to the agency by SDM-cum-CALA, Malout. Now, all issues have been resolved and work of Toll Plaza is under progress.	NIL	
33	Construction of 2 lanes ROB over L.C.NO. S-53/T-2 at CH. 50+665 of NH-703A (Jalandhar - Kapurthala - Sultanpur Lodhi - Makhu) in the State of Punjab on EPC mode. (Job No. NH-703A-PB-2021-22-556)	0.01	87.51	Jalandhar	38	20.12.2025	31.12.2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand of local public to convert RC wall into viaduct. • Revision of GAD by railways to incorporate SV loading and cogestion factor. 	NIL	
34	Construction of Rail Over Bridge in lieu of Railway Crossing no.E/2 on Ferozepur-Fazlika Rail section at Km 2/4-5 & on NH-95(New NH-05) section Ferozepur to Indo Pak Border at km 205.320 (near Ferozepur city & village Madhre) in the State of Punjab on EPC mode. (Job No. NH-95 (New NH-05)-PB-2021-22-550)	0.01	43.44	Ferozepur	44	07.01.2026	31.12.2026	Revision of GAD by railways to incorporate SV loading and cogestion factor.	NIL	

35	Four Laning with paved shoulders from Km 29.00 to Km 36.25 section of Jalandhar Kapurthala Sultanpur Lodhi Lohian Makhu Road, NH-703A, (7.25 Km) in the State of Punjab	7.25	52.99	Jalandhar	30-Mar-00	07.06.2025	30.04.2026	Majority of the work has been completed except BC in 0.85 Km reach (Four lane portion). BC work is stopped due to winter season. BC work will resume in March 2026	NIL	
36	Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2 Lane with paved shoulders of Patto Jawahar Singh Wala to Dina village Kangar road section of NH-254 Design Chainage from Km 38+000 to Km 51+200 in the State of Punjab (Package- III).	13.2	94.6	Moga	45	20.02.2026	31.12.2026	Due to land hindrance.	NIL	
37	Development to 4-lane with paved shoulder for the road section Talwandi Sabo-Raman road to refinery Road junction with Bathinda Dabwali Road of NH-254 from existing Km 131.600 to Km 155.650 (Design Km 131+600 to km 155+600) in the State of Punjab. (Job No: NH-254-PB-2022-23-565	21	546.67	Bathinda	30	05.11.2026	05.11.2026	No delay	NIL	

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District wise and Project wise status of remaining Sanctioned/Awarded NH projects in the State of Punjab:

SI no	Name of the Project	Length (in Km)	TPC (Rs in Cr)	Districts from which Project is passing	Expected Completion from Appointed date (in months)	Remarks
1	Zirakpur Bypass	19.5	1878.67	SAS Nagar Panchkula	24	At tender stage
2	Construction of 4L+PS Sri Muktsar Sahib bypass from existing Km. 269.960 of NH-354 to existing km 39.280 of NH-754 in the State of Punjab.	19.306	440.97	Ferozepur	24	At tender stage
3	Widening and upgradation of road from 2 lane with paved shoulder to 4 lane with paved shoulder for rectification of blackspot ID PB 03 189 of series 2017 19 at Km 159 550 Pakho Kalan on NH 703 in the State of Punjab	1.22	7.28	Sangrur	3	At tender stage
4	"Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspot (ID:PB-03-164 of series 2017-19) at km 287.710 (Grain Market Bhikhi) on NH 148B in the State of Punjab	1.3	28.64	Sangrur	18	At tender stage
5	Widening and upgradation of road from 2Lane with PS to 4-lane PS for rectification of blackspot ID No. PB-(03)-186 at location Km 154/310 (Rure ka kalan) on Nh-703 in the State of Punjab on EPC mode	1	6.49	Sangrur	3	At tender stage
6	"Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspot (ID: PB-03-256 of series 2017-19) atlocation Km 4+100 near village Deon on NH-754 in the State of Punjab	1.6	25.74	Bathinda	18	At tender stage
7	Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspots (ID: PB-03-261 of series 2017-19) at location at Km 317+880 (Ramnagar Chowk) on NH-148B in the State of Punjab	1.67	42.57	Bathinda	18	At tender stage
8	Widening and strengthening of NH 148B from Km 226.370 to Km 234.900 i.e. from Tohana (Haryana Border) to Moonak Jakhhal excluding stretch from Km 233.830 to Km 234.300 On EPC mode in the State of Punjab	8.06	35.62	Sangrur	9	At tender stage

9	Widening and Upgradation from 2 lanes with paved shoulder to four lane in Km 17.600 to 21.350 of NH 07 Section Sulemanki Border-Fazilka on EPC mode in the State of Punjab	3.75	29.97	Abohar	12	At tender stage
10	Development of 6-lane Greenfield Southern Ludhiana Bypass from intersection with NH-44 near Village Rajgarh to intersection with Delhi Katra Expressway (NE-5) near Village Ballawal, km 0+000 to km 25+240	25.24	1424.55	Ludhiana	24	Terminated and re-awarded again on 13.03.2025.
11	Development of 4L Northern Patiala Bypass	28.9	934.85	Patiala	24	-
12	Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspots at location Km 299+520 (Mansa Kenchian Chowk) (ID: PB-03-170 of series 2017-19) and Km 304+520 (Bhaini Bagha Chowk) (ID:PB-03-173 of series 2017-19) on NH-148B in the State of Punjab	3.66	78.38	Bathinda	18	LOA has been issued on 11.11.2025. Agreement has been signed on 20.12.2025.
13	Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspots (ID: PB-03-258 of series 2017-19) at location at Km 340+260 (Kotshamir village) on NH-148B in the State of Punjab	1.685	27.48	Bathinda	18	LOA has been issued on 11.11.2025. Agreement has been signed on 20.12.2025.
14	Construction of VUP for rectification of blackspots (ID: PB-03-162 of series 2017-19) at location at Km 190.050 (Ramditta Chowk) on NH-703 in the State of Punjab	1.475	27.51	Bathinda	18	LOA has been issued on 11.11.2025. Agreement has been signed on 20.12.2025.
15	Strengthening of stretches of NH-148B (Km 234.900 to Km 244.750 and Km 287.710 to Km 349.640) and NH-703 (Km 182.750 to Km 189.240) in the State of Punjab	65.45	89	Bathinda	9	LOA has been issued on 01.01.2026.

ANNEXURE-III

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Details of stalled projects in the State of Punjab:

Sl no	Name of the Project	Date of Commencement	Scheduled Completion date	Target Completion Date	Date from when the project is stalled	Reasons for Stalling of Project
1	4/6 lane Ludhiana Roopnager (Pkg-I)	12.12.2022	10.12.2024	11.10.2027	18.04.2024	Contractor has stopped the work due to non-availability of land. With the land issues being addressed, the Concessionaire has demanded transportation charges for pond ash and intervention by NHAI for according permission from State Government for desilting of Sutlej river.
2	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-VIII)	15.03.2023	13.03.2025	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	19.08.2024	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs
3	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-X)	11.07.2022	09.07.2024	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	01.04.2025	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs
4	DAK Expressway (Phase-I Pkg-XI)	15.11.2022	14.11.2024	Project is under Foreclosure/Termination	19.08.2024	LA issues, non-reimbursement of pond ash transportation cost by State TPPs
