

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2179
ANSWERED ON - 11/03/2026

PROGRESS UNDER BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA

2179. SHRI A. D. SINGH:

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

- (a) the total length of highways approved and constructed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana;
- (b) the number of projects delayed or facing cost overruns along with reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to expedite completion and ensure transparency and quality in execution?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I was approved by the Government in 2017 covering a length of 34,800 km across the country at an estimated outlay of Rs. 5,35,000 Crore. Under the program, projects covering a total length of 26,425 km have been awarded and out of this, 22,223 km has already been constructed upto February 2026.

There are certain projects, which have been delayed beyond its original completion period. The primary reasons for delay in National Highway (NH) projects are issues / bottlenecks relating to land acquisition, delay in getting statutory clearances / permissions, utility shifting, encroachment removal, law & order, non-availability of construction material / minerals, poor performance of Contractor / Concessionaire, and Force Majeure events like Covid-19 pandemic, heavy rainfall, floods, cyclone, landslides / avalanches, etc. To 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 through Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to expedite forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement Drawings (GAD) for Road over Bridges (ROBs) and Road under Bridges (RUBs) from the Railways, and conducting review meetings at various levels with all stakeholders, including State Governments.
