

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3773
ANSWERED ON-25/03/2026

PENDING ROAD PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

3773. SHRI P. WILSON:

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

(a) the current progress, original cost, revised cost and expected date of completion of the Arakkonam–Kancheepuram (Package-III) and Kancheepuram–Sriperumbudur (Package-IV) stretches of the Bengaluru–Chennai Expressway, Mamallapuram–Mugaiyur (Package-I) and Mugaiyur–Marakkanam (Package-II) on NH-332A, Sattanathapuram–Nagapattinam on NH-45A, Walajahpet/Ranipet–TN/AP Border on NH-40 and Chennai Port–Maduravoyal Elevated Corridor;

(b) the reasons for delay, including land acquisition, environmental/statutory clearances, technical or financial constraints of concessionaires; and

(c) whether project costs have been revised due to delays and the quantum of escalation and the steps taken to resolve bottlenecks, fix accountability and ensure time-bound completion?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The details in respect of projects mentioned in part (a) along with reasons for delay are annexed. Various factors such as issues related to land acquisition, delays in pre-construction activities, financial difficulties faced by contractors, force majeure events, and scarcity of construction materials etc. have resulted in delays and cost overrun in certain projects.

The Government actively monitors National Highway (NH) projects in close coordination with all stakeholders including project implementing agencies, State Governments, contractors/developers. Periodic review meetings are held at various levels to resolve the issues and expedite progress. In addition, many initiatives are being taken to avoid or reduce project delays, including streamlining land acquisition & environment clearances, online approval of General Arrangement Drawing of Railway Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges (ROBs/RUBs).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3773 ANSWERED ON 25/03/2026 ASKED BY SHRI P. WILSON REGARDING 'PENDING ROAD PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU'

Sl. No.	Name Project	Cost as per Original sanction (Rs.in Cr.)	Revised Cost (Rs.in Cr.)	Length (Km)	Appointed Date	Scheduled completion date	Revised Scheduled date of completion	Physical Progress as on 28.02.2026	Length Completed as on 28.02.2026	Reason for Delay
1	4-lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Arakonam - Kancheepuram section of NE-7 Pkg-3)	1155.5	1525.1	25.5	08.08.2022	29.07.2024	-	54%	11.0	Work has been stopped since May 2025 due to financial constraints of the Concessionaire. Subsequent to Intention to Terminate Notice to the Concessionaire by NHAI dated 10.11.2025 and Speaking Order dated 08.01.2026 of NHAI as per the Court direction, Senior Lenders proposed to exercise their right to substitute the Concessionaire vide letter dated 20.01.2026.
2	4-lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Kancheepuram - Sriperumbudur section of NE-7 Pkg-4)	2948.3	3605.7	31.7	11.07.2022	09.07.2024	31.07.2026	86%	26.0	1) Delay in determination of land/ crop compensation for erection of new EHT towers. 2) Delay in procurement of Borrow Earth. 3) Unseasonal rainfall. 4) Slow Progress of Concessionaire.

3	4-laning of Mamallapuram - Mugaiyur section of NH-332A (Pkg-I)	1009.0	1360.5	31.0	12.05.2022	10.05.2024	31.08.2026	64%	16.1	1) Delay due to Land Acquisition. 2) Insufficient Resource mobilisation and Slow Progress by Concessionaire. 3) Delay in Procurement of Borrow Earth. 4) Additional works under COS.
4	4-laning of Mugaiyur - Marakkanam section of NH-332A (Pkg-II)	825.9	1116.1	31.0	07.12.2023	05.12.2025	31.08.2026	57%	20.4	1) Delay due to Land Acquisition. 2) Insufficient Resource mobilisation and Slow Progress by Concessionaire. 3) Delay in Procurement of Borrow Earth. 4) Ground Improvement requirements near Backwaters.
5	4-laning of Sattanathapuram - Nagapattinam section of NH-45A	1872.7	2899.8	55.8	05.10.2020	04.10.2022	31.08.2026	79%	44.5	1) Delay in procurement of earth/ flyash. 2) Acquisition of additional land. 3) Public demands for additional project facilities. 4) Slow Progress of Concessionaire.
6	4 lane Access controlled Highway from Walajapet/ Ranipet to TN/AP Border of NH-40.	1338.1	1338.1	28.0	30.09.2025	29.09.2027	29.09.2027	5%	0.0	Project on schedule.

7	Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Pkg-1)	1388.0	1388.6	4.9	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	16.11.2027	19%	0.0	1) Hon'ble NGT, Water Resources Dept. of GoTN directed not to take up work along Cooum river bank area during Monsoon season, resulting stoppage of work during Monsoon period. 2) Restrictions by Police for movement of construction vehicles through Chennai city roads. 3) Slow progress of Contractors
	Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Pkg-2)	1617.0	1617.0	5.1	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	16.11.2027	15%	0.0	
	Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Pkg-3)	1299.4	1299.4	4.5	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	16.11.2027	15%	0.0	
	Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Pkg-4)	1205.4	1210.2	6.4	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	16.11.2027	7%	0.0	
	Total	14659.3	17360.5	223.9					118.0	
