

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 4244**  
ANSWERED ON - 01/04/2026

**BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA IN TAMIL NADU**

4244. DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:

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

(a) the progress of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I as it approaches completion in March, 2026, the total length of access-controlled high-speed corridors operationalized during last five years and whether any such corridors have been developed or proposed in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the impact of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and other major economic corridors on reducing travel time and logistics costs for industrial clusters in Western, Northern and Southern India, including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the status of the "Parvatmala" (National Ropeways Development Programme) in providing last-mile connectivity to high-altitude and major pilgrimage/tourist sites, including any proposals pertaining to Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) 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 had been awarded and out of this, 22,223 km has already been constructed upto February 2026.

Total length of operational access-controlled National High-Speed Corridors (HSC) / Expressways is 3,644 km in February, 2026. The details of Access Controlled Expressways /Highways taken up in Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years are enclosed as Annexure.

(b) The development of Expressways and Economic Corridors, including the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway, have had a significant positive impact on reducing travel time and logistics costs wherever operational.

These high-capacity, access-controlled corridors enable seamless long-haul freight movement, resulting in reduced transit time, lower fuel consumption, and decreased vehicle operating costs. They also improve reliability and efficiency of supply chains by minimizing congestion and bottlenecks on existing routes.

(c) The details are enclosed as Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4244 ANSWERED ON 01/04/2026 ASKED BY DR. M. THAMBIDURAI REGARDING 'BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA IN TAMIL NADU'

**Details of Access Controlled Expressways / Highways taken up/  
proposed in Tamil Nadu during the last 5 years**

Corridor Name	Length (in Km)	Total Capital Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Stage
Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Tamil Nadu portion of NE-7)	106	7,719	Under Implementation
4 Laning of Tiruvallur - TN/AP Border section of NH-716 (Chennai-Tirupati Package-1)	44	1,376	Under Implementation
4 laning of Walajapet/Ranipet -TN/AP Border section of NH-40	28	1,338	Under Implementation
4 laning of Marakkanam - Puducherry section of NH-332A (Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry Package-III)	46	2,157	Under Implementation
Tiruvarur Bypass in Nagapattinam - Thanjavur section of NH-83	15	1,320	Planned, Yet to be sanctioned
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>13,910</b>	

## ANNEXURE

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**The details of approved Projects under National Ropeways Development Programme:**

S. No.	State / UT	Ropeway project Name	Mode	Project Cost (in Rs Cr)	Status / stage
1	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi (3.85 km)	HAM	815.58	Implementation
2	Uttar Pradesh	Sangam Prayagraj (2.2 km)	HAM	230.00	Implementation
3	Himachal Pradesh	Bijli Mahadev (2.32 km)	HAM	283.92	Implementation*
4	Madhya Pradesh	Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain (1.76 km)	HAM	272.03	Implementation*
5	Madhya Pradesh	Tikitoriya Mata Temple (0.15 km)	EPC	21.89	Implementation
6	Haryana	Dhosi Hill (0.88 km)	HAM	67.90	Implementation
7	Jammu and Kashmir	Shankaracharya Temple (1.05 km)	HAM	147.23	Bidding
8	Uttarakhand	Kedarnath (12.9 km)	DBFOT	4081.28	Awarded
9	Uttarakhand	Hemkund Sahib Ji (12.4 km)	DBFOT	2730.13	Awarded
10	Maharashtra	Ramtek Gad Temple (0.64 km)	HAM	51.63	Bidding Stage
11	Assam	Kamakhya Devi Temple (1.43 km)	DBFOT	213.24	Bidding Stage

**\*Project is being reconsidered due to local opposition.**

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