

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2024
ANSWERED ON-05/08/2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF WAYSIDE AMENITIES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING CORRIDORS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

2024: SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:
DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:
SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS,

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the specific initiatives implemented to establish comprehensive wayside amenities along National Highways, encompassing rest areas, refreshment zones and rapid-response emergency facilities;
- (b) the progress achieved in the electric vehicle charging infrastructure along high-traffic National Highway corridors during the last three years;
- (c) whether the strategic adoption of Public-Private Partnership models for these facilities has successfully stimulated rural entrepreneurship and local economic growth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the methodology through which trauma-care services and modern public-convenience infrastructure are being synchronised with the larger wayside amenities network?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The Government envisages development of Wayside Amenities (WSAs) through National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), a wholly owned company of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), at intervals of approximately 40–60 km along

National Highways and Expressways, subject to availability of suitable land and economic viability. These Wayside Amenities are intended to provide essential facilities to road users and truckers, including eateries, toilets, drinking water, parking, fuel stations, Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, medical aid, and short-term accommodation.

(b) As on date, EV charging stations have been commissioned in 84 operational WSAs in the country. The State-wise summary of the WSAs operationalized in last 3 years having EV charging facility is attached at Annexure-A.

(c) & (d) No such study has been conducted to assess impact of Wayside amenities on rural entrepreneurship and local economic growth.

(e) Health is a State Subject. However, in respect of National Highways, NHAI is deploying Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances on its Project Highways to provide first aid / basic stabilisation and transport of the accident victim to nearest Health Care facility. NHAI has approved deployment of 34 ALS Ambulances at such operational wayside amenities in a phased manner.

In addition, Government has launched nationwide scheme titled 'Prime Minister – Road Accident Victims' Hospitalisation and Assured Treatment (PM-RAHAT) Scheme' on 13.02.2026. The Scheme provides cashless treatment up to ₹ 1.5 lakh to eligible road accident victims on all categories of roads through empaneled and designated hospitals.

It mandates immediate treatment without upfront payment, with police verification carried out in parallel through an integrated digital workflow. The Scheme is supported by a citizen-centric module on the m-Parivahan mobile application, integration with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112 helpline for hospital and ambulance assistance, district-level Grievance Redressal Officers, and the National Health Authority (NHA) helpline. As on 31.07.2026, 25,186 requests had been received, of which 18,149 requests were approved by the police, making the victims eligible for treatment under the Scheme.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2024 for reply on 05.08.2026 asked by Smt. Maya Naroliya:Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni:Shri Kesridevsinh Jhala: Smt. Darshana Singh: Shri Jaggesh regarding Development of Wayside Amenities and electric vehicle charging corridors on National Highways

The state-wise summary of WSAs, having EV charging facility, operationalized so far, including sites operationalized during last 3 years, is as under :

S. No.	State	WSA Operationalized prior to FY 2023-24	WSA Operationalized in FY 2023-24	WSA Operationalized in FY2024-25	WSA Operationalized in FY2025-26	Total Operational WSA Sites upto FY 2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	3	0	3
2	Assam	0	3	0	0	3
3	Gujarat	0	6	0	4	10
4	Haryana	12	4	0	2	18
5	Karnataka	0	1	3	0	4
6	Kerala	0	0	0	1	1
7	Madhya Pradesh	2	0	4	0	6
8	Rajasthan	6	3	3	8	20
9	Tamil Nadu	1	2	2	0	5
10	Telangana	0	0	0	1	1
11	Uttar Pradesh	4	0	5	1	10
12	West Bengal	1	0	0	1	2
	TOTAL	26	19	20	18	83

Note: At present 1 No. WSA site with EV charging facility has been operationalized so far in FY 2026-27. Hence, total **84 sites having EV charging facility** have been operationalized in 2026-27.
