

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2823
ANSWERED ON -12/08/2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHWAY WAYSIDE AMENITIES AND EV CHARGING
CORRIDORS**

2823: DR. SATISH POONIA:

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

- (a) the progress made in the development of Wayside Amenities (WSAs) along National Highways, including facilities such as rest areas, food courts, fuel stations, emergency medical services and public conveniences;
- (b) the status of development of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along major National Highway corridors, including the number of operational and proposed charging stations;
- (c) whether Government is promoting Public-Private Partnership for development of Wayside Amenities and EV charging infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the expected impact of these initiatives on road safety, tourism, employment generation, logistics efficiency and regional economic development?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The Government, through National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), a fully owned company of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), has so far operationalized 144 Wayside Amenities (WSAs) along National Highways (NHs) & Expressways in the country which provide facilities such as rest areas, food courts, public conveniences, fuel stations, medical aid etc. The State-wise summary of the WSAs operationalized in the country is attached at Annexure-A.

Though emergency medical services are not provisioned in these WSAs as health being a State subject. However, in respect of National Highways, NHAI is deploying Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances on the 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

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances at such operational wayside amenities in a phased manner.

(b) Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations are commissioned in 84 operational WSAs in the country. The State-wise summary of the WSAs operationalized with EV charging station is attached at Annexure-B.

(c) For promoting development of projects on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, the Government has launched a new Policy in December, 2025 for development of WSA on private land. This Policy leverages private land and private-sector participation for large-scale development of Wayside Amenities along NHs/Expressways. Private landowners may lease land to NHLML for a period of 30 years at a nominal fee, with option to develop the WSA by either themselves or through NHLML-led bidding, against which they receive bid-determined annual rentals in case of NHLML-led bidding. In case, the land owner opts to develop the facility by itself, a nominal franchise fee shall be payable to NHLML by the land owner.

(d) WSA development is expected to improve road safety by providing dedicated parking spaces with safe entry / exit through the highway for the road users. WSAs have improved passenger amenities, which not only helps in promoting tourism but also helps in generation of employment in the hospitality sector.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in part (a) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2823 for reply on 12.08.2026 asked by Dr. Satish Poonia regarding Development of Highway Wayside Amenities and EV charging corridors.

S. No	State	No. of Sites
1	Haryana	25
2	Jammu and Kashmir	05
3	Uttar Pradesh	16
4	Punjab	04
5	Uttarakhand	02
6	Rajasthan	35
7	Gujarat	14
8	Madhya Pradesh	12
9	Maharashtra	02
10	Andhra Pradesh	07
11	Tamil Nadu	07
12	Telangana	01
13	Kerala	01
14	Karnataka	05
15	Assam	03
16	West Bengal	04
17	Jharkhand	01
Total Operational Sites		144

Annexure-B

Annexure referred to in part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2823 for reply on 12.08.2026 asked by Dr. Satish Poonia regarding Development of Highway Wayside Amenities and EV charging corridors.

The state-wise summary of the WSAs operationalized with EV charging station is as following:

S.No.	State	EV Operational Sites
1	Andhra Pradesh	3
2	Assam	3
3	Gujarat	10
4	Haryana	18
5	Karnataka	4
6	Kerala	1
7	Madhya Pradesh	6
8	Rajasthan	21
9	Tamil Nadu	5
10	Telangana	1
11	Uttar Pradesh	10
12	West Bengal	2
	TOTAL	84
