

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-443
ANSWERED ON- 22/07/2026

STATUS OF NH-55 IN ODISHA

443. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) the present status of the upgradation and widening of National Highway (NH)-55 in Odisha;
- (b) the total length of NH-55 completed, under construction and yet to be taken up;
- (c) the reasons for the delay, if any, in completion of the project;
- (d) the funds allocated and utilised for NH-55 during the last three years; and
- (e) the revised timeline fixed for completion of the remaining stretches of the highway?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) & (e) National Highway (NH)-55 traverse a length of 355 Km in Odisha, out of which 209 Km length has already been upgraded/ widened, works ongoing on 136 Km length and for 10 km length the projects are yet to be taken up. The details of ongoing works and balance works on NH-55, including percentage completion, reasons for delay, and the revised timeline for completion are Annexed.

(d) Funds for development & maintenance of NH works are allocated State-wise. Funds allocated & utilized for NH-55 for development & maintenance during last three years are as below:

Sl .No	Financial Year	Funds allocated towards development and maintenance of National Highways (Rs. In Cr)	Funds utilized towards development and maintenance of National Highways (Rs. In Cr)
1	2023-24	5,948	5,948
2	2024-25	6,121	5,786
3	2025-26	5,982	5,862

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) & (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 443 FOR 22-07-2026 ASKED BY SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY REGARDING **STATUS OF NH-55 IN ODISHA**

Project Name	Ongoing/ Completed Projects of upgradation	Project length (in Km)	Sanction cost (Rs in Cr)	Start Date	Schedule completion date	Likely/ Actual completion date	Percent age completed	Reasons for delay (if any)
Cuttack- Angul Section of NH-55, (Pkg-1)	Ongoing	59.80	1178.31	19.01.2018	16.07.2020	31.08.2026	98.9%	COVID pandemic, demand of additional Pedestrian under pass in the approach of Animal under pass, public agitation, delay in utility shifting, slow progress by the contractor.
Rairakhao Town Section of NH-55	Yet to be taken up	6						
Widening and strengthening to 2L+ PS on Kandarpur- Balikuda of NH-55.	Ongoing	41.47	499.79	05.06.2023	04.06.2025	24.11.2026	85.00%	Delay in land acquisition process, delay due to disbursement of compensation process, slow progress by agency, delay in shifting of Railway utilities and other utilities.
Widening and strengthening to 2L+ PS on Balikuda - Mulakani of NH-55.	Ongoing	34.48	511.54	02.06.2025	01.06.2025	01.06.2027	0%	Delay due to land acquisition and forest clearance issues
Widening and strengthening to 2L+ PS on Mulakani-Naugaon of NH-55.	Yet to be taken up	4.47	Project is in pipeline					
