

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.837**  
ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**PROGRESS IN CHAR DHAM PROJECT**

837. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had decided to construct all weather roads to connect Char Dham pilgrimage sites;
- (b) if so, the time frame fixed by the Government for completion of Char Dham Highway Development Plans;
- (c) whether the said project is running behind schedule and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete the project in a time bound manner; and
- (e) whether the Government is also planning such initiatives for other pilgrimage centres too and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) The original target date of completion of the program was March 2020. However, the program has been delayed due to litigation related to forest and environment clearance in various Hon'ble courts and the exact date of completion of the program depends upon final outcome of the same. Matter in the Hon'ble courts is defended to dispose of the same. The projects at implementation stage are expedited for completion.

(e) There is no dedicated programme like Chardham programme for a particular state. However, some religious places are planned for connectivity to Backward areas, religious & tourist places scheme (BRT scheme) for ensuring connectivity under Bharatmala programme.

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