

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1489  
ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONES FOR ROAD PROJECTS**

**1489. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of highway projects/road upgradation projects sanctioned between May, 2018 to November, 2022;**
- (b) the details of such projects for which foundation stones were laid;**
- (c) the details of such projects in which foundation stones were laid but the project was shelved along with reasons therefor;**
- (d) the reasons for laying of foundation stones when the final decision/Detailed Project Report (DPR) regarding the project is not finalised; and**
- (e) the average cost/funds spent on laying of foundation stones by the Ministry?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) Under the aegis of this Ministry, 2154 projects for development of National Highways (NHs) have been sanctioned / approved for award in between May, 2018 to November, 2022, of which foundation stone laying ceremony were organized for projects with aggregated project cost of Rs. 4,54,185 crore, of which 9 projects were terminated or foreclosed after laying of foundation stone due to various reasons like unavailability of encumbrance free land, NGT order, non-achievement of financial closure by the concessionaire, financial crunch of concessionaire, etc. These projects either have been re-awarded or planned for re-award.**

**(d) The projects for which foundation stones were laid, were sanctioned / approved for award after going through laid down procedure of appraisal and approval, for which finalization of Detailed Project Report (DPR) is pre-requisite.**

**(e) Based on the expenditure incurred for organizing foundation stone laying ceremony, average cost/funds spent on laying of foundation stone ceremony for these projects is about 0.018% of total project cost.**

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