

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 283
ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2022**

NH PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

**283. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:
 DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved, inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of three National Highway (NH) projects in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the said projects also include two-lane Road-Over-Bridge (ROB) in replacement of Level Crossing at Oodlabari and Maynaguri and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of other upcoming NH projects in the State;**
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Government to reduce the number of road accidents and bring down traveling distance and time in the country; and**
- (e) the details and the total length of National Highways constructed during the last five years in the State along with the funds utilized thereon?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir, Government of India has inaugurated five National Highway (NH) projects and laid foundation stone of four National**

Highway (NH) projects in the State of West Bengal on 17th November, 2022. The details of projects inaugurated/those for which foundation stone was laid are as under:

A. NH projects inaugurated			
Sr. No.	Name of project	Length (in km)	Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Construction of Oodlabari ROB at km 615.5 of NH-31 (New NH-717)	-	102
2	Construction of Maynaguri ROB at km 661.100 on NH-31 (New NH-717).	-	109
3	4 laning of Kharagpur-Chichira section of NH-6	55.55	713
4	4 laning of Raiganj - Dalkhola section of NH-34 (New NH-12) excluding Raiganj Bypass.	50.35	1828
5	Construction of 4 lane Dalkhola bypass on NH 34 (New NH-12)	4.50	118
B. Foundation stone laid for NH projects			
1	Four/Six-lanning of NH-31 (New NH-10) with both side service roads from km 569.258 to km 581.030 (end of AH-02 project on NH-31 near Shivmandir to Sevoke Army Cantonment	11.77	995
2	6 laning of Panagarh- Palsit section of NH 2 (New NH-19)	67.67	2021
3	6 laning of Palsit-Dankuni section of NH 2 (New NH-19)	63.83	2194
4	4 lane of Purulia Bypass on NH-32 (New NH 18)	10.31	172.5

(c) MoRTH has proposed to undertake development of 794.845 km of National Highways at an estimated cost of about Rs 28,445 Crore in the next three years in the State of West Bengal.

(d) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is taking up several steps to ensure safety of Road Users on NHs which include carrying out of safety audit in all stages of project cycle, implementation of adequate road safety measures including measures based on the outcome of the Road Safety Audit, such as signages, crash barriers, delineators, raised pavement markers and permanent rectification of black spots. Ministry has also taken up several measures to enhance vehicle safety, awareness among road users, provision of trauma care facilities, etc., to minimize occurrence of accidents and their severity. To reduce traveling distance and time of travel, shortest alignments with fluent geometry achieving higher design speed are adapted in the National Highways development projects.

(e) Total length of National Highways constructed during the last five years in the State of West Bengal is 1,121 km at an expenditure of Rs 14,656 crore.
