

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 414
ANSWERED ON 08TH DECEMBER, 2022**

DECLARATION OF SH as NH

414. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to declare Baroda, Chhota Udaipur, Alirajpur, Kukshi, Barwani, Khargone, Khandwa State Highways (SH) as National Highways (NH) is pending and if so, the time by which it is likely to be declared as NH and if not, whether it is likely to be considered;

(b) the time by which sanction for construction work is likely to be given for SH connecting Alirajpur in Dahod which was declared as NH and the time by which the construction work is likely to commence;

(c) the monitoring authority responsible for the quality of construction work of the four-lane road from Rajgarh to Dattigaon in Dhar district on NH-47 which was constructed in May-June 2022 and got completely damaged during the rainy season; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a)&(b) The stretches from Chhota Udaipur to Alirajpur, Barwani to Khandwa and Ambua to Dahod fall on existing National Highways (NHs) which have been developed to 2L+PS/ 4-lane/ in DPR stage. Further action depends on outcome of DPR for Ambua to Dahod section. The Stretch from Baroda to Chhota Udaipur, Alirajpur to Barwani and Alirajpur to Ambua are state roads and are not NHs. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) for declaration of State roads as new National Highways (NHs). Ministry considers declaration of some of the State roads as new NHs from time to time based on requirements of connectivity, traffic levels inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(c) & (d) The construction work of the four-lane road from Rajgarh to Dattigaon in Dhar district on NH-47 was awarded by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 15.01.2021 at a contract price of Rs. 210 Cr. Appointed date of the work was 12.04.2021 and Scheduled date of completion was 11.04.2023. NHAI has engaged Authority Engineer for supervising the work and for monitoring of quality of the aforesaid work. The works are supervised by the Authority Engineer. Apart from this the works are monitored through inspections at different levels of NHAI. Defects in the DBM and other layers were observed during the construction period and the contractor has been asked to rectify the defects, however, the same is yet to be fully rectified. Show cause notice has also been issued to Authority Engineer for deficiency in services. NHAI has also engaged Central Road Research Institute (CRRRI) to investigate the cause of damages and to suggest remedial measures to rectify the defects.
