

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 102
ANSWERED ON 02nd FEBRUARY, 2023**

NH PROJECTS IN ODISHA

102. MS. CHANDRANI MURMU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highway (NH) projects which are running behind schedule, particularly in the State of Odisha, location-wise along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to mitigate the issue of dust pollution caused during the construction of NH particularly during dry season to prevent health hazard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

(a) There are total 793 National Highway (NH) projects in the country which are running behind schedule out of which 32 are in the State of Odisha. Such delayed projects in Odisha are located on NH No. 16, 18, 20, 26, 49, 53, 55, 57, 59, 63, 130C, 143, 149, 153B, 157, 220, 326, 326A and 520. These projects have been delayed due to various reasons such as, delay in land acquisition, utility shifting, tree felling, forest clearance, Covid-19 and slow progress by the contractor for various reasons.

(b) The following are some of the steps generally taken during construction of NH projects to mitigate dust pollution in accordance with Environmental Management Plan prepared for such projects:

(i) Water sprinkling during manufacture, processing, handling and delivery of construction materials and debris likely to create dust during dry and windy weather.

(ii) water sprinkling on stockpiles during dry and windy weather.

(iii) Carriage of construction materials and debris with tarpaulin cover.
