

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2600  
ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA**

**2600. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:**

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

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are some National Highway projects in Odisha that are running behind their original schedule;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of revised timeline set for their completion?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) 28 National Highway projects are running behind their original schedule in Odisha out of which 15 projects are being implemented by Odisha State PWD and 13 projects are being implemented by NHAI. The reasons for delay are mainly due to delay in land acquisition, forest clearance and utility shifting, COVID-19, slow progress of contractors /concessionaires, financial issues of contractors/ concessionaires etc. Out of 28 delayed projects, 7 are likely to be completed in March 2023 and remaining 21 are likely to be completed in 2023-24.**

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