

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3908
ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2023**

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

3908. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken specific steps to complete all ongoing National Highway (NH) projects within the stipulated period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) proposes to take up development of new NH projects in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry actively monitors National Highway (NH) projects in close coordination with project implementing agencies, State Governments, contractors/developers. Periodic review meetings are held at various levels, and several steps have been taken to improve liquidity of funds available with contractors/developers, to expedite progress. In addition, the Ministry has taken many initiatives to avoid or reduce project delays, including streamlining land acquisition & environment clearances, online approval of GAD of Railway ROBs/RUBs, revamping dispute resolution mechanism, premium re-scheduling, one-time fund infusion, etc.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has awarded projects for the development of 274 km of NHs in Maharashtra during the current financial year, so far; and envisages to award another 676 km during the current and next financial year.
