

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1205
ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2023**

QUALITY STANDARDS

†1205. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the quality norms have not been adhered to in the construction of some National Highways and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the condition of service roads on NHs-30 from Lakhnadaun to Bela-Jhukehi of Varanasi Marg to Mainhar Bela is very pitiable, if so, the steps taken by the Government for repairing and maintenance of said;

(c) the time by which the incompleting construction of service roads at several places between Jhukehi to Mainhar is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the construction work on NH-39 from Satna to Bela is of very low standards; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is considering is to improve construction work of NHs and construction and improvement of service roads?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (e) All National Highways are constructed as per quality standards specified in the Ministry and Indian Roads Congress (IRC) specifications and codes. To ensure the construction quality, Consultants (Authority's Engineer/ Independent Engineer), Quality Monitors are appointed by the Ministry and its executing agencies for day to day supervision of the works at site. The works found not adhering to the quality norms during such examination / supervision, if any, are brought to the notice of the Concessionaires / Contractors for taking up necessary corrective measures.

(b) and (c) All service roads in Lakhnadaun to Bela-Jhukehi of Varanasi Marg to Mainhar Bela are in traffic worthy condition. Deteriorations in some service roads stretches caused due to heavy traffic & rain are repaired and maintained regularly by the EPC Contractor at his own cost in the defect liability period as per the terms of the contract agreement. Separate Contract has been awarded with scheduled completion date as July, 2024 for the descoped work of service roads at several places between Jhukehi to Mainhar.

(d) The Contractor is executing the construction work on NH-39 from Satna to Bela as per quality standards specified in the Ministry and IRC specifications and codes. A team of Authority's Engineer appointed by the Madhya Pradesh State Public Works Department (PWD) regularly checks and tests the quality of construction work on NH-39 from Satna to Bela. Officials of PWD also undertake inspections on routine and need based basis to ensure adherence of quality of construction by the Concessioner to the stipulated requirements.
