

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2404
ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2023**

NATIONAL HIGHWAY-161A

2404. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on National Highway (NH)- 161A is going on for many years and is yet to be completed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether construction has been halted on the said NH due to Shastrakund, Kinwat, Mahur and sanctuary regions;

(c) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be resumed and completed;

(d) whether additional funds have been allocated by the Government to complete the said works as per the rules of Department of Forests; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Details of on-going works on National Highway (NH)- 161A in the state of Maharashtra & Karnataka are as under:-

Sr.no	Project	Appointment date	Physical Progress (in %)	Targeted Completion date
1	Kothari – Dhanora	15.02.2019	95	December - 2023
2	Sarsam – Kothari	27.06.2017	88	December - 2023
3	Bhokar – Sarsam	17.06.2017	100	Completed
4	Mudkhed - Nanded	03.04.2023	5	October- 2024
5	Osmanagar – Kundral	05.06.2018	92	December - 2023
6	Kundral - wazar	04.06.2018	100	Completed
7	Aurad-Bidar	14.09.2021	76	December - 2023

(b) to (e) Details of stretches of NH 161 A which are delayed due to forest and wild life permission are as under: -

Project Name	Chainage in which work was Halted	Reasons	Region	Current Status
Kothari – Dhanoda	Forest Stretch Ch.104.800 to 106.460 Ch. 109.440 to 109.640 Ch.110.800 to 116.020 Ch.140/30 to 140/715	Forest Stretch		Permission received on 24/02/2023. 7.080 km forest length work completed. Newly identified forest stretch 0.395 km length pending due to forest permission.

	Eco sensitive zone Stretch Ch.91.770 to 94.400	Eco sensitive zone	Painganga wild life sanctuary	Pending due to Court order & eco sensitive zone permission not received.
Sarsam – Kothari	Ch.51.740 to 55.040 Ch.55.080 to 55.165 66/00 to 67.230 67/500 to 68/300 74/00 to 74/950 78/00 to 79/080	Forest permission Wild life Permission.	Kinwat Region	Forest permission received on 24/02/2023 Wild life Permission received on 25/04/2023. Work is Completed

No work is delayed on NH-161A in Shastrakund & Mahur regions.
