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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3509 ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF SIX LANE ROAD**

#### 3509. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

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#### be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of six laning of dedicated port road up to Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the reasons for delay in executing the said project; and
- (c) the details of cost and time overrun of the project?

#### **ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The project commenced on 18.12.2018 with scheduled date of completion as 17.12.2020. Currently, the project is in implementation stage with targeted date of completion as 22.11.2024.
- (b) The project was delayed due to occurrence of certain disputes during the execution of the project. After resolution of the disputes, work resumed on 23.03.2023. The issue of supply of fly ash is still unresolved and the matter has been taken up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) at various levels of the State Government.
- (c) As per the Settlement Agreement dated 23.03.2023, extension of time was granted to the Contractor for 20 months from the date of signing of Settlement Agreement, i.e., 22.11.2014. Further, since the project is in implementation stage, it is premature to assess the cost overrun. However, as per the aforesaid Settlement Agreement, NHAI is to pay an amount of Rs. 22.37 crore to the Contractor as final settlement of disputes under the Contract.

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