

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3658
ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2023**

CONSTRUCTION WORK OF NH-39

3658. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the main reason for the non-completion of work of the NH-39 between Sidhi and Singrauli during the last eleven years;**
- (b) the details of the action taken against the designated/concerned agencies for not completing the work of the said Highway on time;**
- (c) whether the Government has shortage of resources to complete the said National Highway and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the accidents caused due to the obstruction and bad condition of the road;**
- (e) the provisions made by the Government to prevent such accidents; and**
- (f) whether the NH-39 is likely to be completed by the end of the year 2023 and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (f) The stretch of Sidhi -Singrauli was entrusted to state Govt of Madhya Pradesh vide Gazette notification S.O.796(E) dated 01.04.2008 and thereafter responsibility for its development was handed over to Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Ltd. (MPRDCL) vide

MORTH letter dated 08.09.2009. The work of 4- laning of Sidhi- Singrouli Road (NH-39) was awarded to M/s Gammon Infra Ltd. on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode. The Concession Agreement for the said work was signed on 14.05.2012 and the appointed date /commencement date of the project was 19.09.2013. The contract was terminated on concessionaire's default on 13.08.2020. The balance work on Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode was awarded to M/s Tirupati Build-Con Pvt. Ltd., Shahdol on 28.06.2021 and the Agreement was signed on 30.07.2021. The appointed date was declared on 08.10.2021 with schedule date of completion was 01.04.2023.

As per the information provided by MPRDCL, the physical progress of the work is 27 % and work is behind scheduled due to delay in land acquisition, covid pandemic and slow progress by the contractor. Out of total project length of 105 km, four laning in 45 km up to Dense Bituminous Macadam (DBM) level have been completed.

Further, as per the information provided by MPRDCL, no accident has been reported to have occurred due to obstruction or bad condition of the road. During construction of the project highway, all necessary precaution and safety measures are being taken by the EPC Contractor as per provisions of the Agreement. The Contractor is responsible to maintain the existing road motorable to avoid accidents. Now scheduled date of completion is 31.12.2023.
