

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 40
ANSWERED ON 20th July, 2023**

DELAY IN PROJECTS

40. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the slow progress of work in the construction of National Highways particularly in Dhenkanal;

(b) if so, the reason for delays and non-completion of work;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount of cost escalation for delay in completion of work in Dhenkanal and Angul districts?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes sir. The Government is closely monitoring the construction of National Highways (NHs). Periodic reviews are held at various levels to resolve issues and to expedite progress of all NH projects. Delayed projects including Dhenkanal are also monitored.

(b) and (c) A time limit of 2-3 years is generally kept for completion of new NH projects. However, construction works on NHs sometimes fall behind schedule due to various reasons like delay in land acquisition, delay in fulfillment of Government's condition precedent like various

clearances, utility shifting, delays on the part of Contractors/Concessionaire including cash flow issues etc. Four NH projects passing through Dhenkanal district in the State of Odisha are delayed mainly due to delay in land acquisition, forest clearance and slow performance of contractor. As per the revised schedule, target of completion of these projects is March, 2024.

(d) Amount of cost escalation in these projects for delay in completion work has not been finalized.
