

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3076
ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2023**

ROAD CONNECTIVITY FOR RELIGIOUS TOURISM

3076. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to enhance road connectivity across the nation to boost religious tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of road projects under religious tourism along with the status of these projects, State/ UT-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The development of NHs is carried out after network planning on PM Gati Shakti principle with whole of the government approach. While planning the development, important Economic, Tourist and Religious connections are invariably taken up with special focus on Way Side Amenities (WSAs), adequate signages and road side / median beautifications etc. Thus there is no requirement of dedicated funding / scheme for development of tourist / religious destinations.

The Ministry has taken up 321 NHs projects in a length of about 8,544 km and amounting to Rs. 1,49,758 Crore for improvement of important tourist / religious connectivity. State / Union Territory (UT) - wise details of the same are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3076 ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023 ASKED BY SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM REGARDING ROAD CONNECTIVITY FOR RELIGIOUS TOURISM****State / UT - wise details of NHs projects for improvement of important tourist / religious connectivity: -**

Sl. No.	State/UT	No.	Length (in km)	Cost (in Rs. Cr)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2	3	540
2	Andhra Pradesh	5	211	2,588
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7	411	7,648
4	Assam	9	235	1,861
5	Bihar	7	303	10,028
6	Chhattisgarh	1	43	1,368
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	1	25	2,369
8	Gujarat	7	233	6,902
9	Haryana	2	54	2,410
10	Himachal Pradesh	6	139	1,095
11	Jammu & Kashmir	16	244	7,531
12	Jharkhand	5	101	316
13	Karnataka	5	217	3,466
14	Kerala	4	147	12,427
15	Madhya Pradesh	5	179	2,196
16	Maharashtra	3	109	4,755
17	Manipur	14	313	4,362
18	Meghalaya	5	369	4,195
19	Mizoram	14	464	9,137
20	Nagaland	29	603	8,409
21	Odisha	4	145	2,501
22	Rajasthan	9	963	6,274
23	Sikkim	19	266	4,901
24	Tamil Nadu	11	296	10,601
25	Tripura	10	241	3,247
26	Uttar Pradesh	18	631	7,721
27	Uttarakhand	43	676	10,305
28	Uttarakhand	12	106	2,876
29	West Bengal	40	588	5,361
30	Ladakh	8	230	2,368
