

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3158
ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2023
ROB ON HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL**

3158. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is implementing new National Highway (NH) projects in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the two-lane Road-Over-Bridge (ROB) in replacement of Level Crossing at Oodlabari and Maynaguri have been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the timeline thereof;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has proposed to undertake development 794.845 kms of National Highways upto 2025 in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the total length of National Highways constructed during the last nine years in the State of West Bengal, particularly North Bengal; and**
- (e) the details of steps being taken by the Ministry to reduce accidents by improved safety features and bringing down travelling distance and time in the country?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

a) Improvement and upgradation of National Highways is a continuous process. There are 52 number of ongoing improvement and upgradation projects on National Highways (NHs) in West Bengal at a cost of ₹ 18,250 crore covering 872 km length. Further, 19 number of projects in 102 km length at a cost of ₹ 6656 crore are at various stages of bidding.

b) Two-lane Road-Over-Bridge (ROB) in replacement of Level Crossing at Oodlabari [at Km 615.50 of NH-31(New NH-17)] and Maynaguri [at Km 661.00 of NH-31(New NH-17)] have been completed and opened to traffic. Four-lane ROB at Maynaguri [at Km 63.281 of NH-31D (New NH-27)] is under construction with revised scheduled completion by the end of December 2023.

c) MoRTH has identified National Highways and expressways projects in West Bengal aggregating to 841 km length for which DPR preparation is in progress. Approval of these projects is based on the inter se priority, traffic volume, connectivity and availability of resources.

d) 2171 km length of NHs have been upgraded and improved in last 9 years in the State of West Bengal, in which 787 km length is in North Bengal.

e) MoRTH has been improving capacity, riding quality and safety of existing NHs by increasing lanes, providing divided carriageway, bypasses, grade separated intersections and various safety measures to warn, inform, guide and physically slow down the traffic. MoRTH and Indian Roads Congress have issued/published several standards, guidelines from time to time on road safety measures. Road Safety Audit (RSA) of all NHs has been made mandatory at all stages of the project i.e. design, construction, operation and maintenance. High priority is accorded to identification and rectification of black spots/accident spots on NHs.
