

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 878  
ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL**

**878. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:**

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

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of proposals pending with the Government for the sanctioning of new National Highways (NHs) in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the NHs that have been sanctioned and the progress of work completed in West Bengal during the last three years;**
- (c) whether NH-81 in West Bengal has been renamed and if so, the time by which the project would be completed;**
- (d) whether the work on the Kolkata-Varanasi Expressway commenced in its stretches within West Bengal and if so, the time by which the project would be completed; and**
- (e) the details of the pending works to be completed on NH-6 from Dhulagarh to Kolaghat in West Bengal and the time by which pending projects would be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) Ministry receives proposals from various State Governments/UTs, public representatives, etc. for declaration/upgradation of State roads as National Highways (NHs). Ministry considers declaration of some of the State roads as NHs from time to time based on the requirements of connectivity, traffic levels, inter-se priority and availability of resources subject to fulfilment of criteria for declaration of new NHs.**

**(b) Improvement and upgradation of NHs are a continuous process and in the last three years 47 number projects covering 243km length and amounting to ₹8117 Cr have been sanctioned in West Bengal and 67 number projects covering 917km length and amounting to ₹11,285 crore have been completed.**

**(c) NH-81 has been renumbered as NH-31. Two projects covering 40 km length have been sanctioned and these projects have scheduled completion in January, 2024 and March 2024 respectively.**

**(d) Preparation of DPR for the Varanasi-Ranchi-Kolkata Expressway has commenced on 03.07.2021.**

**(e) Some works in Dhulhagarh-Kolaghat section of NH-6 in the State of West Bengal such as 0.9 km length of Main Carriageway, 6.67 km length of Service Road, 5 nos. Vehicular Underpasses (VUPs) and 1 no. Pedestrian Underpass (PUP) could not be taken up as the land free from hindrance was not made available by the State Government.**

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