

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 874**  
ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**FUNDS FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

874. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for national highway projects during 2019-2020;
- (b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has sought an additional sum of Rs. 25,000 crore from the centre for the next financial year (2020-21) to fund its ambitious highway projects and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds collected from the cess levied on petrol and diesel during each of the last three years along with the funds out of that allocated to the national highway projects during the said period;
- (d) whether the construction and expansion works of various national highways have come to standstill; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Funds allocated for National Highways (NHs) during 2019-20 is Rs. 74,674.81 crore. Apart from above, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been authorised to raise Rs. 75,000 crore under Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR).
- (b) The Ministry projected estimated fund requirements of Rs. 44,305 crore under NHs share of Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF) Cess under Budget Estimates (BE) 2020-21 for Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I including subsumed National Highways Development Project (NHDP) apart from Rs. 12,500 crore and 12,000 crore under Toll remittances and under Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) respectively.

(c) Details of funds collected from the cess levied on petrol and diesel during each of the last three years along with the funds out of that allocated to the NHs projects is as under:-

Amount in Rs. crore		
Year	Fund collected from Cess	Funds allocated to National Highways from Cess
2016-17	72,399.53	31,049.00
2017-18	83,116.42	36,139.32
2018-19	1,13,000	44,180.31

(d) and (e) Some of the ongoing National Highways Projects have been delayed / stalled due to various reasons such as delays in land acquisition, pre construction activities, law and order issues, Contractors' / Concessionaires' cash flow problems, poor performance of Contractors / Concessionaires, etc. Regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors / concessionaires to expedite the stalled / delayed projects. To expedite completion of these projects various steps have been taken, which include streamlining of land acquisition & environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-schedulement, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, decision taken to allow Interest Bearing Working Capital Advance against unbilled executed work to mitigate cash flow problem of contractors / concessionaires, frequent reviews at various levels, etc.

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