# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

# LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 321 ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

#### **SIX-LANING OF DHILWAN-ATTARI SECTION**

### \*321. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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### be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of six laning of Dhilwan-Attari section of National Highway (NH);
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the poor construction of Amritsar-Pathankot NH-15, bad/bumpy connections over Road over Bridges (ROBs) and dilapidated condition of many sections within a short span, which are causing hazards to motorists whereas toll tax has kept increasing year by year and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) whether the Government is also aware of the poor maintenance of Amritsar Bypass stretch of National Highway (old NH-1) with no street lights, road markings, safety lighting, etc. on entire stretch and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### ANSWER

## THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

## (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 321 ON 18<sup>™</sup> MARCH, 2021 ASKED BY SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA REGARDING 'SIX-LANING OF DHILWAN-ATTARI SECTION'

(a) 4-laining works on Dhilwan-Amritsar Section & Amritsar-Attari (Wagah) Section of National Highway No. 03 were completed in the year of 2010 under BOT (Toll) mode and BOT (Annuity) mode respectively. Concession Agreement of Dhilwan-Amritsar section has been terminated on 05.11.2020 due to default of the Concessionaire and Amritsar-Attari Section is presently in Operation & Maintenance having Concession period of 20 Years. Further, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has identified certain Blackspots on NH-03 stretch and rectification action on these blackspots has been initiated. Six lane structures with service road have been planned where ever required during rectification on these black spots.

(b) The development work of Amritsar-Pathankot section of NH-15 has been completed in 2014 on BOT (Toll) mode and is presently in Operation & Maintenance period. Resurfacing work has been taken up on the stretch and the stretch is in traffic worthy condition. Further, NHAI has also taken short term measures at all the identified Blackspots such as construction of Foot Over Bridges, Standard Size Gap-in-Median, Traffic Signages, Solar Blinkers, Rumble Strip etc. The user fee rates are revised annually as per the provisions of Concession Agreement and NH Fee Rules.

(c) The Amritsar Bypass is the part of Amritsar – Attari (Wagah) Section of NH-3, which was completed in the year of 2010 on BOT (Annuity) Mode and presently, is in Operation & Maintenance stage. Resurfacing work has been taken up on the stretch and the stretch is in traffic worthy condition. The Street lights have been provided at Service Road and Structures as per the provision of Concession Agreement. Due to Ribbon Development along the old Amritsar Bypass, outer bypass has been taken up for development.

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