

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2976
ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2021**

BHAVNAGAR-SOMNATH HIGHWAY PROJECT

2976. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of work on Bhavenagar-Somnath National Highway (NH) project in Gujarat;**
- (b) the year in which the said project was sanctioned along with the target fixed for completion of the project;**
- (c) whether the work on this NH has not completed even after so many years and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for early completion of this project?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) The work of Bhavenagar- Somnath National Highway (NH) project was sanctioned in 2016 with completion period of 30 months. The stretch was split into 6 construction packages. The physical progress of these packages are as under:

| Sr. No. | Package | Length (in km) | Physical Progress |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) | Bhavnagar – Talaja (Package - I) | 48.045 | 89.31% |

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| (ii) | Talaja – Mahuva (Package - II) | 45.460 | 20.34% |
| (iii) | Mahuva – Kagvadar (Package - III) | 40.020 | 32% |
| (iv) | Kagvadar – Una (Package - IV) | 40.980 | 90% |
| (v) | Una-Kodinar (Package-V) | 40.95 | 64.81% |
| (vi) | Kodinar-Veraval (Package-VI) | 41 | 32.7% |

(c) The work has been delayed due to various reasons such as land acquisition, financial issues with concessionaires and COVID pandemic etc.

(d) The works of packages-II & III were terminated and re-awarded on EPC mode to complete balance work.
