

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498
ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021**

CONSTRUCTION OF NHS IN JHARKHAND

498. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction work on National Highways (NHs) in Dhanbad and Bokaro districts of Jharkhand is progressing as per schedule and if so, the details and present status thereof;**
- (b) if not, the time by which the said construction work is likely to be completed;**
- (c) the total number of bridges/culverts completed on the said NHs;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to install solar panels along the six-lane and wider highways in the country and utilize that energy and if so, the details thereof, NH-wise; and**
- (e) whether any work has so far been undertaken in this regard and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) The details of 2 projects falling in Dhanbad & Bokaro districts are as below:**

(i) 2/4 lane from Rajganj to WB Border section of NH-32 (Km. 0.000 to Km. 56.889) (Districts Dhanbad and Bokaro): The Scheduled completion date was 09-12-2019. However, due to issues related to LA, impact of Covid-19 and slow progress by the Contractor, the anticipated date of completion is 31-10-2021. The current physical progress is 93.90%.

(ii) Six laning from Khairatunda to BarwaAdda section of NH-2 (Km 360.300 to Km 400.132) (Dhanbad district): The Scheduled completion date was 07-01-2021, however due to issues related to LA, the impact of Covid-19 and slow progress by the Contractor, the anticipated date of completion is 31-10-2021. The current physical progress is 92.20%.

(c) Total 82 and 121 structures such as Bridges, RoBs, Culverts, VUPs/PUPs have been completed on the NH-32 and NH-2 respectively.

(d) & (e) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed an MoU with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.(EESL) [Promoted by Ministry of Power, Government of India as a Joint Venture of four reputed public- sector undertakings NTPC Limited, Power Finance Corporation Limited, REC Limited and POWERGRID Corporation of India Limited], wherein EESL will conduct the feasibility study in co-ordination with Regional Officers of NHAI for establishment of Solar Power projects on the available vacant land parcels with NHAI & rooftops of NHAI buildings/structures at Toll Plaza/ other NHAI owned buildings etc. and will submit the report to NHAI. No proposal has been considered till now.
