GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1590 ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2022

MONITORING OF CONDITION OF NH-48

1590. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any formal mechanism to continuously monitor the current status and road condition on Pune-Bengaluru National Highway-48 especially in the stretch from Pune to Satara and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the conditions such as the presence of potholes, nonfunctioning of street lights, waterlogging in underpasses get inspected, reported and recorded at regular intervals and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any facility for public representatives to check these reports in NHAI offices or on any website and if so, the details thereof; and (d) whether the Government proposes to provide such facility for verification of such reports and reconciliation with the ground realities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Projects are reviewed at various levels from time to time. Due to defaults of the Concessionaire in the Pune-Satara project, the Rights of the Concessionaire have been suspended for six months w.e.f. 01.11.2021. Since then, all balance works including items like filling of potholes, street lights etc. have been taken up by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the work is monitored by Independent Engineer, Safety Consultant and NHAI.

(c) & (d) The present physical progress of Pune Satara is 97% and the improvement work done in last three months is visible to public. Any reports related to the project can be checked/seen by any public representative in the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Pune office of NHAI. MIS reports are maintained in regular interval and available in public domain on the website of NHAI.

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