GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2745 ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2022

NH PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

2745. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the Government of Tamil Nadu for construction of new highways during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the time by which the sanction is likely to be accorded and funds released for these projects;
- (d) whether a few National Highway (NH) projects are lying incomplete in the State and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which these pending projects are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country which is a continuous process. The proposals for development are taken up depending on their merit, inter se priority and overall availability of funds.

(d) & (e) 35 National Highway (NH) projects are delayed in the State of Tamil Nadu for various reasons such as delay/non-granting of permission for extraction of borrow earth, delay due to COVID, delay in land acquisition, forest and environment clearances, shifting of utility services, slow progress of works by the contractors etc. All efforts are being made for early completion of these projects in coordination with all concern authorities.
