

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4642
ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2022**

HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

**4642. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:
SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received requests for construction of a bypass road on eastern side of Vijayawada in the State of Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;**
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for six-lane National Highway from Visakhapatnam Port to Bhogapuram via Rushikonda and Bheemili; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Earlier, the feasibility study was conducted for 180 km Road with 100m ROW as Outer Ring Road connecting Vijayawada – Guntur – Tenali Urban Agglomeration subject to the condition that State Government of Andhra Pradesh agrees to provide entire land free of cost. Subsequently, Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for developing only 78 km Eastern Bypass to Vijayawada and it was decided that State Government of Andhra Pradesh may hand over the entire land free from encumbrance without any cost to this Ministry for taking up the project. Subsequently, Government of Andhra Pradesh during meeting held on 17.02.22 agreed for exemption of State GST on construction material

such as Cement, Steel and Bitumen etc., for waiver of Royalty on Earth, Sand and Aggregates/Stones etc., for waiver of applicable local taxes and to give preferential mining rights to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/ Concessionaire (s) to make the project viable. On receipt of the proposal on these lines from State Government, the feasibility of the project will be determined and appropriate action will be taken.

(c) & (c) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation for the said stretch has been initiated for analysing the viability of the project and finalising the alignment, project cost, features, bidding documents etc. keeping in view the tourism potential of the area.
