

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3042
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PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC JAM ON HIGHWAYS

3042. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that passengers have been facing issues of traffic jam on the highways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to resolve the problem of such traffic jam; 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) to (c) The traffic jams on National Highways(NHs) temporarily occur due to various reasons such as accidents, illegal parking, encroachments in built up sections, existing Railway level crossings, constricted junctions, toll plazas, etc. To mitigate such problems, Ministry takes up construction of bypasses, Ring Roads, Service Road, Road Over Bridges, flyovers etc. including lane augmentation as per traffic requirement and inter-se priority.

Under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I, 28 nos. Ring Roads as well as 191 nos. of choke points/congestion points have been identified for development. Road Over Bridges (ROBs) / Road Under Bridges

(RUBs) ROBs/RUBs are constructed during the development of project corridor. In addition, under Setu Bharatam, replacement of 157 Railway level crossings with ROBs/ RUBs have been identified.

Further, to facilitate smooth movement of traffic and reduce the queue length at fee plazas, Ministry has declared all lanes of fee plazas on National Highways as FASTag Lane, and implemented Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Electronic Fee Collection (EFC) system on National Highways.

To mitigate the effect of traffic jam due to accidents in high density corridors, NHAI has deployed ambulances, cranes and patrolling vehicles to manage and restore normal flow of traffic. Provision of Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been included in the latest tenders of majority 4/6 laning projects of NHAI.

In case of congestions due to illegal parking and encroachments, assistance is sought from the State Government for enabling or facilitating remedial measures.
