

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-500
ANSWERED ON 25/07/2024**

NHAI Debt

500. SMT. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is facing massive financial crisis;**
- (b) if so, the details of debt thereof during the last 10 years, year-wise;**
- (c) the reasons for increase in NHAI debt; and**
- (d) the details of steps taken to reduce the NHAI debt?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) No Sir, NHAI is not facing any financial crises which is evident from the fact that NHAI has pre-paid bank loan to the tune of Rs. 15,700 Crore through InvIT monetization proceeds: Rs.6,350 Crore in last financial year and Rs.9,350 Crore in July-2024.

(b) The details of funds raised and outstanding during last 10 years is given below.

(in Rs. Crore)

Year	Year-Wise Amount Raised	Cumulative Outstanding
Opening Balance		23,355.66
2014-15	3,343.40	24,187.54
2015-16	23,281.17	44,566.66

2016-17	33,117.74	74,742.33
2017-18	50,532.41	1,21,931.34
2018-19	61,216.75	1,78,866.92
2019-20	74,986.81	2,48,280.99
2020-21	65,079.91	3,06,703.49
2021-22	65,149.16	3,48,522.15
2022-23	797.58	3,42,801.87
2023-24	-	3,35,173.38

(c) Govt enhanced the mandate of NHAI by assigning the implementation of Bharatmala Pariyojana in 2017. To implement the scheme, NHAI raised borrowing as per IEBR approved by the Govt. in the Union Budget.

(d) NHAI has drawn up a plan to service its debt through improved inflows of toll revenue and asset monetization. The amount raised through InvIT mode is used exclusively for debt repayment.

The Govt. of India has not mandated NHAI to raise funds since FY 2023-24. Thus, the debt reduction has started.
