

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1692
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER 2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF BYPASS ON NH-168

†1692. Shri Lumba Ram:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a bypass near Reodar and Mandar cities situated on the Deesa-Dhanera National Highway-168A running from Jherda to Sirohi State Highway via Mandar, Reodar (location of the proposed National Highway No.168) which merges into National Highway-62;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make the Jherda-Mandar-Sirohi road into four lane in order to get rid of the traffic jams observed near the said two densely populated cities and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The section of road from Jherda to Panthavada in the State of Gujarat is a State highway and the 10 km section of road connecting Panthavada to Gundari (Gujarat/Rajasthan Border) was notified as NH-168 on 5th September, 2014 but has not been entrusted to the Central Government. State Govt. of Gujarat developed the road connecting Jherda – Panthavada – Gundari

through Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Toll mode to 2 Lane configuration with Paved shoulders for which the Concession period is upto 29.03.2038. There is no proposal at this stage to develop the section of NH-168 connecting Panthavada to Gundari (Gujarat/Rajasthan Border) in Gujarat to 4-lane NHs standards.

The stretch of road connecting Gujarat/ Rajasthan Border, Mandar, Revdar to Sirohi of about 76.4 km length (NH-168) is also of 2 Lane configuration with Paved shoulders. State Govt. of Rajasthan developed the road through BOT (Toll) with Concession period upto September, 2024; State Govt. of Rajasthan has handed over this road/ NH to the Ministry recently in October, 2024. Bids have been invited for Consultancy services for conducting feasibility studies for upgradation of Mandar – Sirohi stretch of NH 168 in Rajasthan including bypasses for towns.
