

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1800
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2024**

IMPACT OF BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA

1800. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the objectives of the Bharatmala Pariyojana being implemented by the Government have been achieved in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of the said project on strengthening of border and coastal road networks in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the number of complaints regarding irregularities in the implementation of the said project come to the notice of the Government since the inception of the project and the action taken by the Government thereon; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to complete this project in a time-bound manner?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Bharatmala Pariyojana was approved by Government of India covering a length of 34,800 km with an estimated cost of Rs. 5.35 lakh crore to improve connectivity and reduce logistic cost in the country through construction of Economic Corridor, Inter Corridor, Feeder route, National Corridor efficiency improvement, Border & International Connectivity, Coastal & Port Connectivity Roads and Expressways along with residual NHDP Projects. As on 31.10.2024, Projects covering a total length of 26,425 km has been awarded and 18,714 km has been constructed. IIM Bangalore has been engaged to undertake a study on socio-economic impact of the programme. The study is under progress.

(c) and (d) The Projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana are being executed as per provisions of Contract Agreement signed for each project and all the complaints received during implementation are dealt as per Contract Agreement and extant guidelines. Further, project implementation on National Highways often faces several challenges that affect the timely completion of projects, such as delays in pre-construction activities, financial difficulties faced by contractors, force majeure events, and scarcity of construction materials etc. To overcome these challenges and expedite project execution, the government has undertaken various initiatives. These include streamlining and expediting the land acquisition process, revamping the Parivesh Portal to facilitate faster forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of ROB/RUB from Railways, and conducting review meetings at various levels with all stakeholders, including State Governments.
