

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1825
ANSWERED ON 05TH DECEMBER, 2024**

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

1825. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects related to National Highways and road transport being implemented in the North Eastern States of the country including Assam during the last five years;**
- (b) the total cost of the said projects and the time limit set for completion of the same along with the present status thereof;**
- (c) the progress made in widening of National Highway-15 in Assam from two lanes to four lanes till date; and**
- (d) the reasons for the delay in the construction work of the said highway?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) 468 number of developmental works were implemented on National Highways (NHs) in North Eastern States including Assam during last five years having aggregate length of 9,337 km at a total cost of Rs. 1,51,246 crore, out of which 232 number of works have been completed and remaining 236 works are scheduled/revised scheduled for completion by 2028.

(c) and (d) The length of NH-15 in Assam is about 574 km, out of which 121 km has already been widened to four lane configuration, while works of widening to four lane are in progress in a length of about 67 km, which are scheduled for completion by 2025. Work of widening to four lane is planned to be taken up in a length of about 340 km whereas four laning is not considered necessary in remaining length of 46 km at present, from traffic considerations. Completion of ongoing NH projects are dependent upon availability of encumbrance free land, forest clearance, environment clearance, utility shifting, available working season, natural calamities, contractor's financial position, etc.
