

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1826
ANSWERED ON 05TH DECEMBER, 2024**

WIDENING OF PRAGATI MAIDAN TUNNEL

1826. SHRI RAMBHUAL NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that traffic jam has rather increased multifold particularly during peak hours in the Pragati Maidan tunnel connecting India Gate and Ring Road, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to decongest the traffic flow by widening the tunnel exit and also widening the ring road by minimum two lanes from tunnel to Nizamuddin Bridge turn; and

(c) if so, the time by which this stretch of ring road will be widened?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The section of road is not an NH.

Planning of Urban Transport is inter-twined with urban Planning, which is a State subject. As such, initiatives for planning of sustainable urban transport system and other steps taken for reducing the increasing traffic congestion on the road are taken by the respective cities/States/UTs. The Government through Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), which is the Central line Ministry for urban transport matters, have notified policy (National Urban Transport Policy 2006) and other various guiding frameworks to help cities/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/States /UTs to identify principles and strategies for better planning and implementation of the concepts in the area of urban transport by making the best use of various guidance documents issued by the Government from time to time. The Government also provides Central Finance Assistance for preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan, Feasibility and Detailed Project Report etc. for systematic Urban Transport Planning. Further, the Government also provides Central Finance Assistance for implementation of Metro Rail Project, City Buses through Central Schemes such as PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, which reduces urban road congestion.
