

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2857
ANSWERED ON 12th DECEMBER, 2024**

ROPEWAY CONSTRUCTION

2857. DR. RICKY ANDREW J SYNGKON:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering the construction of ropeways in regions where road construction is difficult and prohibitively expensive due to challenging terrain such as deep gorges and mountainous areas especially in North-Eastern Region (NER);**
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to facilitate ropeway projects for the transportation of people and agricultural, horticultural and forest products in such areas;**
- (c) whether any consultations or collaborations have been initiated with State Governments or private entities for implementing these projects, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government would include such projects in its rural infrastructure development plans especially in Meghalaya considering the benefits of ropeways for farmers engaged in horticulture and agro-forest activities, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether there are any specific schemes or financial incentives under consideration to promote the development of ropeways in remote and hilly areas and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Government of India has announced National Ropeway Development Programme – Parvatmala Pariyojana - in Union Budget 2022-23 for development of Ropeways to improve last mile connectivity in hilly regions and alternative mobility in heavily congested urban areas. The idea is to improve connectivity and convenience for commuters, besides promoting tourism. This may also cover congested urban areas, where conventional mass transit system is not feasible.

Tawang Ropeway Project in Arunachal Pradesh and Kamakhya Ropeway Project in Assam have been included in the list of ropeway projects.

(c) to (e) Though there is no plan for constructing ropeways for transportation of agricultural/ horticultural products, the Government has undertaken consultations with state Governments through NHLML for development of ropeway infrastructure. The Government receives proposals from various State Governments from time to time, including North-Eastern states. Decisions are taken based on techno-financial outcome of DPR, fulfilment of the criteria, requirement of connectivity and inter-se priority.
