

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2953  
ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**UTILITY SERVICE DUCTS ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

**2953. SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government acknowledges the fact that the local residents may face difficulties due to the absence of utility service ducts (like drainage, water pipelines and storm water management) during the expansion of National Highway-8 at Himmatnagar in Sabarkantha constituency, if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government contemplates providing two utility service ducts each at Motipura cross road junction, Polytechnic cross road and Sahakarijeen cross road respectively as demanded by Himmatnagar nagar palika;**

**(c) if so, the time limit for providing the above ducts and the budget required therefor; and**

**(d) if not, whether the Government proposes to take appropriate steps to take up the above issues on priority basis, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) Utility corridor is normally provided at extreme edge on NH RoW. However, in case of constraint of RoW, provisions of duct or alternative alignment is explored by utility agencies. In the instant case, for shifting/accommodation of existing utilities, space has been earmarked in the Shamlaji- Himmatnagar-Motachiloda section of NH-48 at the extreme edge of RoW to the extent feasible.**

**(b) to (d) For crossing of existing utilities, ducts have been provisioned at Motipura Cross road junction, Polytechnic Cross Road and Sahakari Jin Cross Road as part of civil contract scheduled for completion by June, 25.**

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