GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3957 ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024

TRAFFIC CONGESTIONS AT EXPRESSWAYS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to decongest national highways across the country particularly in Telangana by restructuring entry/exit points to improve traffic flow, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any specific plans to address traffic congestion by restructuring the entry/exit points on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway near Siddhartha Vihar, Ghaziabad, to alleviate traffic congestion for residents in the area, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has initiated any specific measures to address traffic disruptions caused by vehicles driving on the wrong side of NH9 while attempting to access the expressway near Crossings Republik township; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken under the proposal to improve traffic flow and ensure safety at the affected entry/exit points?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process. Works on NHs, including development

projects for decongestion of NHs, are taken up based on the traffic density, condition of the roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Decongestion of about 191 choke / congestion points including the development of ring roads in around 28 cities was identified in various States, including the State of Telangana. Out of these 191 choke / congestion points, 84 choke/ congestion points have been rectified, including 2 choke / congestion points in the State of Telangana, and works have been taken up / awarded in another 68 choke/ congestion points in the country.

(b) No Congestion is observed on the main carriageway of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway. Mainly, the congestion is observed on the service / slip roads at entry / exit points during morning and evening hours due to traffic from / to Ghaziabad / Noida. Enforcement agencies have been requested to take necessary measures to ensure smooth traffic flow.

(c) and (d) Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been installed on this Expressway. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) shares violation data of traffic rule offenders with National Informatics Centre (NIC) through ATMS. The NIC already has the platform to send the violation data to enforcement agencies [eg: traffic police / Regional Transport Office (RTO)] for issuing the challan/penalty. Concessionaire has also engaged sufficient nos. of traffic marshals and regular route patrolling to regulate the traffic to avoid any traffic congestion and inconvenience to the commuters.

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