GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 625 ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2024

DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMRITSAR

625. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that Amritsar requires world-class highways and road infrastructure to support the high volume of visitors, if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (b) whether the Government would consider a similar special grant like Varanasi to develop Amritsar's highways infrastructure to enhance connectivity and tourism experience in wake of Amritsar having various tourist destinations like the Attari-Wagah Border, Golden Temple, and Ram Tirath Temple, Sheetla Mandir, Jallian Wala Bagh and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Central Government is responsible for Developments & Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the Country. The roads other than NHs are the responsibility of State Govt. and other local Authorities.

Keeping in view that Amritsar is one of the most prominent cities of the country in terms of heritage, culture, and socio-religious importance the Central Govt. has taken several measures to enhance the travel experience and improve convenience to tourists traveling to Amritsar by roads.

Some of the important National Highway Development Projects taken up and under implementation by NHAI in and around Amritsar are Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway including Spur for Amritsar connectivity, Amritsar Bypass (to facilitate movement of visitors to Attari- Wagah Border), Amritsar- Ramdas corridor (to facilitate tourists visiting Kartarpur Sahib), Amritsar- Una Corridor (connecting Amritsar to Anandpur Sahib) and Beas- Batala- Dera Baba Nanak corridor (connecting Beas to Kartarpur Sahib Corridor).
