

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 667
ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

CONSTRUCTION OF CHANDIKHOLE TO DUBURI ROAD ON NH-53

667. DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the road from Chandikhole to Duburi of National Highway-53 is in precarious condition despite being the lifeline of Jajpur Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also true that this road construction is pending since a decade and National Highways Authority is not taking any strong action for completion of the project, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether a second bridge on river Brahmani on the same road near Kabatabandha is also in the zero stage of construction and lots of traffic congestion and accidents are happening due to this delayed process of construction, if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take immediate steps for completion of this long standing project and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The 4-laning of Duburi-Chandikhole section of NH-53 (Package-III) for a length of 39.40 Km is in progress with physical progress of 82%. Out of 39.40 Km, 4-laning of 34.10 Km length has been completed. The revised scheduled date of completion of the project is February, 2025. The existing road is also being maintained in traffic worthy condition with regular repair and maintenance.

(b) The project got delayed primarily due to poor mobilization of resources by the Contractor, COVID Pandemic, public demands for additional structures at various locations involving agitation, quarry permission issues etc. Government has taken various initiatives for expediting project on National highway in the country including the state of Odisha, like streamlining and expediting of land acquisition, Revamping Parivesh Portal for forest and environment clearances, online approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of ROB/RUB from Railways, review meetings at various levels with all stake holders including State Governments.

(c) and (d) The construction of Major Bridge over River Bramhani started from 02.08.2024. The physical progress of the project is 16% with revised scheduled date of completion of the project by 30.06.2025. All efforts are being made for expediting the progress of the work so as to complete the same within targeted time.
