

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 51
ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

National Highways in Tamil Nadu

***51. Shri Malaiyarasan D:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of National Highways constructed in the country during the last two years, and under construction at present;**
- (b) the progress of major National Highway projects in the State of Tamil Nadu, including the timelines for completion and delays faced during their execution;**
- (c) the financial allocation made for the construction and upgradation of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years;**
- (d) whether the pace of construction of National Highways has increased and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has earmarked any action plan to connect every district headquarters of the country with National Highways and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 51 ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2025 ASKED BY SHRI MALAIYARASAN D REGARDING 'NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN TAMIL NADU':

(a) The total length of National Highways constructed in the country during the last two years is 22,689 km and under construction during current financial year (2024-25) till 31.12.2024 is 5,852 km.

(b) Details regarding the progress of major National Highway projects in the State of Tamil Nadu, including the timelines for completion and delays faced during their execution is enclosed at Annexure A.

(c) The financial allocation made for the construction and upgradation of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last two years is Rs 18,155.00 crores.

(d) The pace of construction of National Highways increased from about 28 km/day in 2019-20 to about 34 km/day in 2023-24. The details regarding pace of construction from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is enclosed at Annexure B.

(e) At present, there is no specific scheme for connecting district headquarters with National Highways. However, all district headquarters in the State of Tamil Nadu are connected within a distance of 10 km of National Highways.

ANNEXURE A

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 51 FOR ANSWER ON 06.02.2025 ASKED
BY SHRI MALAIYARASAN D REGARDING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN
TAMIL NADU**

Sr. No.	Name of Stretch	Sanction Date/ Amount (Rs in Cr)	Start Date	Schedule Completion Date	Likely/ Expected Completion Date	Physical Progress (in %)	Reasons for Delay in the project (if any)
NHAI Projects:							
1	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port - Maduravoyal on EPC mode in Tamil Nadu (P-1)	06.03.2023/1388.59	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	20.02.2027	2.95	WRD allowed piling works in 30th May, 2024 only. NGT ordered for no work during monsoon period (Oct 2024 - Jan 2025)
2	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port - Maduravoyal in on EPC mode in Tamil Nadu (P-2)	06.03.2023/1616.97	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	20.02.2027	1.14	WRD allowed piling works in 30th May, 2024 only. NGT ordered for no work during monsoon period (Oct 2024 - Jan 2025)
3	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port - Maduravoyal in Chennai District from on EPC mode in the State of Tamil Nadu (P-3)	06.03.2023/1299.36	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	20.02.2027	2.43	WRD allowed piling works in 30th May, 2024 only. NGT ordered for no work during monsoon period (Oct 2024 - Jan 2025)
4	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port - Maduravoyal on EPC mode in Tamil Nadu (P-4)	06.03.2023/1205.40	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	20.02.2027	1.60	Delay in obtaining permission from Traffic Police for barricading to restrict the movement of traffic on existing road. Delay in strength assessment of existing Piers (constructed by the terminated Concessionaire).

5	Balance works of 4-Lane from km 43+950(Thiruvallur Bypass) - km 61+470 (Veppampattu Bypass) passing through Thannerkulam, Thozur and Sevapet Bypass (17+520 Kms) of Tirupati-Tiruttani-Chennai Section of NH 205 on EPC Mode	17.01.2022/482.83	21.09.2022	20.09.2024	30.06.2025	62.15	Due to delay in utility shifting, abnormal rainfalls, Delay in issuance of NOC for construction of Bridge across Krishna Canal, Delay due to cyclone and adverse climatic conditions and Slow progress by the Contractor
6	Completion of Balance works pending in bit and pieces (incomplete stretch at 7 locations) and listed balance works from km. 274.800 to 338.030 in AP portion and other listed balance works from km. 0.000 to km. 43.950 in TN portion of 4/2 laning of Tirupathi - Tiruttani - Chennai section of NH-205	05.09.2022/166.51	03.07.2023	04.01.2025	31.03.2025	75.16	(i) Delay in issuance of approval of by Railways for launching of girders and casting of deck slabs.(ii) Delay due to shifting Religious structures at location (3)(iii) Delay due to cyclone and adverse climatic conditions
7	4-laning of Mamallapuram - Mugaiyur section of NH-332A (PK G-1 of Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry)	05.02.2022/1008.99	12.05.2022	10.05.2024	31.03.2026	40.61	(i) Delay in Handing over of Land & Poor Progress . (ii) Delay in Achieving Project Milestone - II. (iii) Insufficient Resources. (iv) Inordinate delay in attending workable stretches, etc .
8	4-laning of Mugaiyur to Marakkanam section of NH-332A from Km 31+000 to Km 62+000	05.02.2022/825.94	07.12.2023	05.12.2025	05.12.2025	28.41	Delay due to Land acquisition process

9	6-laning of Maduravoyal (Km 13+800) to Sriperumbudur (Km 37+000) Section of NH-4	29.10.2021/463.44	14.02.2022	13.02.2023	28.02.2025	98.50	Delay due to utility shifting
10	6-Laning of Karaipettai - Walajahpet section of NH-4	30.05.2021/776.70	11.02.2022	09.02.2021	30.04.2025	84.15	(i) Delay in Procurement of borrow earth by the contractor (ii) Delay due to Force Majeure because of COVID-19 Pandemic. (iii) Improper mobilisation of Men & Machinery and improper planning.
11	4L Bangalore Chennai Expressway Phase-III – Package I (Gudipala to Walajahpet) from Km 156+000 to Km 180+000	14.10.2021/1028.46	30.05.2022	28.05.2024	30.06.2025	76.02	(i) Delays on account unprecedented rain fall. (ii) Delay in fabrication of BOW String girder for ROB by the concessionaire. (iii) Delay in utility shifting by the concessionaire (iv) Delay in the Borrow area approvals from district administration due to NGT and Supreme Court orders. (v) Project involves Hard rock cutting (controlled blasting) for 5 Km. Depth varies from 3m to 15m.
12	4L Bangalore Chennai Expressway Phase-III – Package II (Walajahpet to Arakkonam) from Km 180+000 to Km 204+500	29.12.2021/843.48	16.07.2022	14.07.2024	31.07.2025	90	(i) Delay Due to Unseasonal Rainfall/Cyclones(ii) Delay in determination of compensation for Land and crop in EHT utility shifting by the District Administration.(iii) Delay in S.P Shifting of Railway(iv) Delay in construction of ROB due to non-finalization of soldier pile Methodology for the construction of foundation of piers.(v) Delay in the Borrow area approvals from district administration due to NGT and Supreme Court orders
13	4L Bangalore Chennai Expressway Phase-III – Package III (A	23.10.2021/1155.4	08.08.2022	29.07.2024	31.12.2025	52.41	(i) Financial constraints of the concessionaire (ii) Delay in the Borrow area

	rakkonam to Kancheepuram) from Km 204+500 to Km 230+000	9					approvals from district administration due to NGT and Supreme Court orders. (iii) Delay in determination of compensation for Land and crop in EHT utility shifting by the District Administration. (iv) Unseasonal Rains/Cyclones
14	4L Bangalore-Chennai Expressway from Km. 230+000 to Km. 261+705 of Kancheepuram to Sriperumbudur Section (Phase-II/Package-IV)	08.02.2021/ 2948.31	11.07.2022	09.07.2024	30.09.2025	67.75	(i) Unseasonal and intermittent rain hampers the earth work progress. (ii) Delay in determination of compensation for Land and crop in EHT utility shifting by the District Administration. (iii) Delay in the Borrow area approvals from district administration due to NGT and Supreme Court orders. (iv) Improper planning by the concessionaire.

15	Strengthening and Widening the existing 2 lane carriageway to 2 lane with paved shoulders from Km 0+000 to Km 85+000 of NH-544H (NH(O) Project (Thoppur – Mettur – Bhavani – Erode section)	14.07.2022/192.00	Package I = 04.08.2022 Package II = 25.07.2022, Package III = 04.08.2022 Package IV = 08.08.2022	Package I = 03.08.2023 Package II = 24.07.2023, Package III = 03.08.2023 Package IV = 07.08.2023	Package I = 28.02.2025 Package I = 24.07.2023, Package I = 28.02.2025 Package I = 28.02.2025	95	(i) Due to delay in shifting of Water pipe line by TWAD board in toll plaza location at Km 06+350 (ii) Due to non shifting of Electrical utility (iii) Slow progress of work in Package 4 by the Contractor (iv) Due to additional LA proposed at toll plaza location at Km 06+350 for providing additional facilities like traffic aid post, medical aid post, etc., (v) Due to delay in commencement of Construction of toll plaza work at Km 06+350 by Contractor of Package 1.
16	4- laning of Pudukkottai to Poondiyan Kupam Section of NH-45A (New NH 32)	03.06.2022/1588.40	15.11.2021	14.11.2023	15.02.2025	98.50	Poor planning and performance of the Concessionaire.
17	4- laning of Sattanathapuram to Nagapattinam Section of NH-45A (New NH-32)	07.08.2024/2899.77	05.10.2020	04.10.2022	31.10.2025	57.96	(i) Non availability of fly ash for the construction of embankment layer from M/s. NLC. (ii) Poor planning /resources of the Concessionaire.
18	4- laning of Neraluru - Thorapalli Agraharam section of NH-844 from Km 0+000 to Km 23+350 (Package-I of NH-844)	18.07.2023/1757.27	26.10.2022	24.10.2024	31.08.2025	60.45	(i) Land Acquisition (ii) Financial constraints of Concessionaire

19	4-laning of Thorapalli Agraharam - Jittandahalli section of NH-844 from Km 23+350 to Km 60+100 (Package-II of NH-844)	14.02.2019/ 1243.57	07.12.2021	06.12.2023	30.06.2025	75.02	(i) Delay in Forest Clearances (ii) Delay in Land Acquisition (iii) Delay in ROB Clearance (iv) Financial constraints of Concessionaire
20	Bangalore Ring Road (STRR)-section of NH-948A- Package-I of Phase-III from Belagondapalli (TN) to TN/KNT border from km 144+480 to 179+969	31.07.2024/ 1260.74	18.05.2023	16.05.2025	31.12.2025	45.81	(i) Land Acquisition. (ii) Stoppage of works by Farmers for 4 months for demanding service road.
21	Construction of Truimpet Interchange connecting Bangalore-Chennai Expressway (Km 261+705 to Km 262+800) with Maduravoyal to Walajahpet section of NH-48 near Sriperumbudur Toll Plaza at km. 35+700	22.03.2023/ 156.51	26.02.2024	23.08.2025	31.12.2025	15.26	(i) Slow mobilisation by Contractor. (ii) Unseasonal rains.
22	Access Controlled Highway of 4 Lane with Paved Shoulders from Tiruvallur (Design Chainage Km 17+56) to TN/AP Broder (Design Chainage Km 61+51) of NH-716 (Chennai-Tirupati Package-1)	07.03.2024/ 1376.10	28.12.2024	28.12.2026	28.12.2026	Work commenced recently.(Physical Progress: 0.00%)	
23	Access Controlled Highway of 4 Lane with Paved Shoulders from TN/AP Border (Design Chainage Km 61+51) to Puttur (Design Chainage Km 81+540) of NH-716 & 6 Lane with Paved Shoulders from Mallavaram to Renigunta (Chennai-Tirupati	11.03.2024/ 1346.81	14.12.2024	14.12.2026	14.12.2026	Work commenced recently.(Physical Progress: 0.00%)	

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24	Balance Works for six laning of Sriperumbudur to karaipettai section of NH-4 (New NH-48) from 37+00 (Existing Km 37+000) to Km 71+015	07.06.2024/ 456.00	27.01.2025	26.10.2026	26.10.2026	6	Work commenced recently.(Physical Progress: 0.00%)
25	4L of Kamalapuram to Oddanchatram from km. 0+00 to km. 35+822 section of NH-83	07.02.2019/ 1038.51	21.01.2021	20.01.2023	30.06.2025	5	79.82 (i) Delay in physical possession of land. (ii) Financial Constraints of Concessionaire. (iii) Insufficient mobilization of manpower for execution of RE wall approaches by HAM Concessionaire. (iv) COVID-19 pandemic. (v) Excessive rainfall.
26	4L of Madathukulam - Pollachi from km. 74+38 to km. 116+95 section of NH-83	08.02.2019/ 1342.62	04.12.2020	03.12.2022	15.03.2025	5	90.23 (i) Poor planning and resource of Concessionaire. (ii) Financial Constraints of Concessionaire. (iii) Insufficient mobilization of manpower for execution of RE wall approaches by HAM Concessionaire. (iv) COVID-19 pandemic. (v) Excessive rainfall. (vi) Delay in physical possession of land.
27	4L of Madurai Ring Road (Phase 1) [Vadipatti-Thamrapatti] from km 0+00 - km 29+960	28.03.2018/ 833.16	16.03.2020	15.03.2022	31.07.2025	5	68.25 (i) Delay in land acquisition (ii) Delay in getting forest clearance (iii) Poor planning & resource mobilization of Contractor (iv) COVID-19 Pandemic (v) Excess rainfall (vi) Early release of water in Vaigai-Periyar Canal

28	4L of Melur - Pilayar patti - Karaikudi from km 99+920 of NH 38 to km 12+9 of NH 38 3 Ext.	04.06.2018/ 1103.86	16.03.2020	15.03.2022	31.05.2025	71.40	(i) EPC contractor poor planning & resource mobilization (ii) Delay in land acquisition (iii) COVID-19 Pandemic (iv) State Assembly elections
29	4L of Thirumangalam to Vadugapatti section from km 0+000 to km 36+000 of NH-744	04.03.2022/ 1076.97	23.02.2023	21.02.2025	31.03.2025	76.50	Delay in land acquisition due to courtcase, disbursement of compensation and passing of award.
30	4L of Vadugapatti to Therkuvenganallur (Rajapalyam) section from km 36+000 to km 71+600 of NH-744	21.02.2022/ 1564.23	12.04.2023	10.04.2025	11.10.2025	93.12	Delay in approval of ROB Drawings by Southern Railway
31	4L of left-over works including additional structures from Kerala/Tamil Nadu border to Kanyakumari Section from Km 43+0 to Km 96+174 of NH66	06.03.2023/1317.06	03.08.2023	01.08.2025	02.02.2026	31.32	(i) 1.3 Km kunnathur village blocked by local public.(ii) Restriction on entry of mineral-laden heavy vehicles with more than 10 wheels in to Kanyakumari by Tamil Nadu Government.(iii) Collector, Tirunelveli imposed ban on movement of mineral laden vehicles above 10 wheels in Tirunelveli District.(iv) Unprecedented rainfall.
32	4L of Sethiyathope - Cholapuram section from Km. 65+960 to Km. 116+440 section of NH-45 C (Pkg-II)	23.03.2023/ 1227.87	16.08.2023	14.08.2025	31.03.2025	93.10	(i) Obtaining Borrow area permission (ii) Non Supply of Flyash/Pondash from M/s.NLCIL (iii) Delay in land acquisition, removal of structures from the acquired land. (iv) Delay in getting NOC from PWD/WRD (v) Shifting of Devar Statue (vi) Due to GAJA & BUREVI Cyclone (vii) COVID-19 pandemic and excessive rains.

33	6L of Tuticorin Port Road section of NH-7A (New NH-138) from Km 0+000 to Km 6+140	20.03.2023/ 200.30	05.07.2023	04.07.2024	31.03.2025	71.04	(i) Poor planning and resources of Contractor. (ii) Quality issues (iii) Unprecedented floods in Tuticorin District (iv) Delay in due to non allowing utility shifting by ownin g department.
Total(NHAI)(33 Nos)		Total P roject Cost= Rs. 37, 192.22 crores					

State PWD:

1	"Construction of RO B and their Approaches at Km 81/800 (Near Kannamangalam) in Lieu of Existing LC No.109A/3T at Railway Km 130/23-25 of NH-234 (Mangalore - Villupuram Road) including Land Acquisition on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Basis Contract in the State of Tamil Nadu. (Job No.NH-234-NH-2020-21-944)"	12.01.2021 /11 8.94	03.03.2023	19.02.2025	17.06.2026	33	Delay due to modification of RDSO Drawing by Railway.
2	Construction of 4 lane with paved shoulders Thiruvayaru Bypass in between existing Km.55/926 to 62/680 in NH 226Extn. (New NH 136) on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Basis Contract under NH(O) Annual Plan 2021-22 in the state of Tamil Nadu.	10.02.2022/19 1.34	12.10.2022	11.10.2024	31.03.2025	94	Farmer agitation during start of project , 5 months delayed due to water flow in Cauvery and kudamuruti river in 2023

3	"Construction of Bypass to Madurai - Achambathu - Viratipathu in between km 6/850 - 10/382 of NH 49 Extn (New NH 85) including Land Acquisition on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) basis Contract under NH (O) Annual Plan 2021-22 in the state of Tamil Nadu (job No.NH-49 Extn (New NH 85) - TN-2021-22-997)"	16.03.2022/23 8.97	02.09.2024	23.08.2026	23.8.2026	14	Work as per schedule
4	Widening from Two lane with paved shoulder to four lane with paved shoulder and Strengthening in Km 0/8 - 17/6, 18/0 - 25/0, 25/500 - 27/900, 29/6 - 34/0 & Km 39/0 -50/570 and strengthening in km17/6-18/0, 25/0-25/5, 27/9-29/6 and widening from Four lane to four lane with paved shoulder and strengthening in km 34/0-39/0 including centre median in selected stretches, Construction of Storm water drain including Widening and Reconstruction of CD works and Additional Bridge at Km 39/8 of NH 532 (Cuddalore)	16.03.2022/25 7.14	22.01.2024	14.07.2025	14.07.2025	56	Work as per schedule
5	"Construction of Bypass to Gudiyatham Town in Km 23/100 - 29/250 including Land Acquisition and Shifting of NH-234 (Mangalore - Villupuram Road) (New NH-75) on Engineering Proc	27.01.2023/22 1.02	19.05.2023	18.11.2024	30.04.2025	75	Delay due to tree cutting utility shifting

	urement and construction EPC basis contract in the state of Tamilnadu (Gudiyatham Bypass)."						
6	Widening from Two Lane Paved Shoulder to Four Lane with Paved Shoulder Km 81/300 - 86/630, Km 88/600 - 90/550, Km 90/550 - 90/850 (RHS) Km 90/850 - 96/300 & 97/600-110/700 of NH-81 (Old NH-67 - Km 221/600-234/700, Km 236/000 - 241/450, Km 241/450 - 241/750(LHS), Km 241/750 - 243/700 & Km 245/670 - 251/000) and Strengthening from Km 81/300 - 86/500 and Km 87/600 - 96/300 of NH-81 (old NH-67 Km 236/000 - 244/700 and Km 245/800 - 251/000) of NH-81 (Coimbatore - Chidambaram Section) (Old NH-67) (Nagpattinam)	06.03.2023/137.25	07.03.2024	29.08.2025	29.08.2025	55	Work as per schedule
7	Strengthening of two lane with paved shoulder from Km 17/8-18/2, construction of two lane with paved shoulder from Km 18/2 to Km 20/0 and construction of four lane with paved shoulder from Km 20/0 to Km 35/6 of Salem - Thirupathur-Vaniyambadi road (NH-179A) on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23 in the state of Tamil Nadu (Job.No.NH-179A-TN-2022-23-1	20.03.2023/169.68	01.02.2024	01.08.2025	01.08.2025	47	Work as per schedule

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8	Widening from two lane with paved shoulder to four lane with paved shoulder and improvements from Km 26/5 - 34/2, km 35/6 - 40/2, km 42/2 - 53/2, km 55/8 - 56/2, km 58/7 - 61/2, km 76/6 - 81/3 and widening from two lane with paved shoulder to four lane with paved shoulder from Km 40/2-42/2, Km 53/2-55/8, Km 61/2-66/7, Km 67/2-72/4 and improvements from km 34/2 - 35/6 including CD works of NH 81 (Coimbatore - Chidambaram)(Old NH-67) (Nagapattinam-Trichy-Coimbatore-Gudalur)	03.03.2023/27 4.84	07.11.2023	06.11.2025	06.11.2025	86	Work as per schedule
9	Four laning of Ottanchatram to Palani section from Km 30/700 to Km 55/000 of NH 209(New NH-83) including footpath for pedestrian and wayside amenities except from Km 37/870 to 38/130, Km 39/2 to Km 41/0, from Km 43/4 to Km 44/100, From Km 47/4 to Km 51/0 and from Km 52/2 to 52/965 on EPC Mode under Annual Plan 2022-23 in the state of Tamilnadu	03.10.2022/17 2.15	18.05.2023	08.11.2024	28.03.2025	91	Delay in LA for construction for wayside amenities due to Thaipooosam and Muthamizh Murugan conference held at Palani.

Total(State PWD) (9 Numbers of NH Works)	Total Project Cost = Rs. 1,781.33 crores		
Total (NHAI + State PWD) (42 Numbers of NH Works)	Total Project Cost = Rs. 38,973.55 crores		

ANNEXURE B**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA
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Financial Year	Construction	
Year	Length (km)	Km per day
2019-20	10237	27.97
2020-21	13327	36.51
2021-22	10457	28.65
2022-23	10331	28.30
2023-24	12349	33.83
Total	56701	31.07 (avg)
