GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2351 ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025

EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN AMRITSAR

2351. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a critical need for improvement, expansion, maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and world class road infrastructure in Amritsar being a strategically important border city, a major trade hub, key religious tourist destination and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct an elevated airport road till Golden temple and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the key findings and the steps that are being taken to address poor road conditions, safety concerns and to reduce traffic congestion especially given the high volume of trade, tourism, and local transport in Amritsar;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to construct new expressways, bypasses or elevated corridors in Amritsar border to ease transportation bottlenecks and improve logistics for businesses and industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps that have been taken to ensure the timely completion of ongoing National Highway projects which are at halt?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) Keeping in view importance of Amritsar, the Government has taken several measures to enhance National Highway (NH) connectivity to Amritsar. Some of the important National Highway Development Projects taken up and under implementation 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 NH-354 (to facilitate tourists visiting Kartarpur Sahib), Amritsar-Una Corridor (connecting Amritsar to Anandpur Sahib) and Beas- Batala-Dera Baba Nanak corridor NH-503D (connecting Beas to Kartarpur Sahib Corridor).

No proposal for construction of elevated road till Golden Temple is currently under consideration.

(e) Government is in consultation with the State Government to provide encumbrance free land for corridors of National importance for its timely completion. The projects are being reviewed from time to time at all levels.
