

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2508
ANSWERED ON 13th MARCH, 2025**

ALLOCATION OF ROAD PROJECTS TO PUDUCHERRY

2508. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of traffic congestion in Puducherry from Rajiv Gandhi Square to Marapalam Junction and the highway connecting Cuddalore from Marapalam Junction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the schemes sanctioned to the Union Territory of Puducherry to ease traffic congestion;

(c) the road projects sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned for the Union Territory of Puducherry by the Government; and

(d) the budget allocation made during the year 2024-25 and the proposed quantum of allocation for the year 2025-26 for road infrastructure in the Union Territory?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has planned to take up three works namely (i) Improvements of two junctions namely Rajiv Gandhi Square and Indira Gandhi Square on NH 32, (ii) Widening and strengthening of 20 km long stretch of Cuddalore Road (NH-45A) and (iii) Widening and strengthening of 13.00 km long stretch of Eastern Coastal Road (ECR) i.e. NH-332A from Rajiv Gandhi Square to Marakkanam side, based on inter-se priority, traffic density and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for maintaining and keeping National Highways for safe and smooth traffic movements.

(d) An allocation of Rs. 25.00 crore has been made during current financial year 2024-25 as per requirement of ongoing National Highway (NH) works in the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry. The Government is committed to ensure earmarking of adequate funds for NHs projects also in the financial year 2025-26 as per the requirements for the NHs projects in UT of Puducherry.
