GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2530 ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025

BYPASSES IN MAHARASHTRA

†2530. SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the provisions and criteria determined by the Government for constructing bypasses on National Highways and State Highways;
- (b) the number of bypasses constructed on National Highways and State Highways in Maharashtra and the details thereof, especially in Washim-Yavatmal parliamentary constituency;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to construct a bypass from State Highway-213 to National Highway-161 A in Digras of Washim-Yavatmal parliamentary constituency;
- (d) if so, the timeline for its completion and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken to address traffic congestion and ensure public safety at the aforesaid location?

ANSWER

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

(a) The requirement of construction of bypasses is assessed on case-to-case basis as per traffic requirements for non-city traffic, availability Right of Way (RoW), congestion in urban/built-up sections, road safety considerations, etc. at the time preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and provisioned accordingly in the approved DPRs of National Highways (NH) works.

- (b) Construction of bypasses is either taken as part of NH upgradation works or on standalone basis. Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has constructed 83 bypasses on various NHs in the state of Maharashtra including six bypasses namely Medshi, Malegaon and Washim on NH-161 and Madkona, Kalamb and Yavatmal on NH-361 in Washim-Yavatmal constituency.
- (c) to (e) There is no such proposal under consideration for construction of bypass from State Highway-213 to NH-161 A in Digras town of Washim-Yavatmal parliamentary constituency. However, Government has approved 4-laning to ease the present traffic congestion and ensure road safety in the section of NH-161A passing through Digras town with target date of completion in May, 2025.
