

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3432
ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

FOUR-LANING OF NH-55

3432. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is inordinate delay in four-laning of National Highway-55 from Manguli (Cuttack) to Sambalpur in Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to overcome this delay; and**
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, the projects were awarded during the year 2017-18 having completion period of 2.5 years. However, the work has been delayed due to various reasons such as delay in land acquisition, forest clearance, COVID-19 and subsequently slow progress due to financial crisis of the contractor.

(c) The monitoring of all project packages, including financial aspects is being carried out to expedite progress, ensure timely completion, and minimize public inconvenience. This process involves regular review

meetings at various levels with all stakeholders, including the State Government.

(d) The Cuttack - Angul – Sambalpur section of NH-55 is being implemented in three packages. Package – 1 (Cuttack to Dhenkanal, 59.80 km) and Package - 2 (Dhenkanal to Angul, 51.80 km) are in progress with revised scheduled date of completion by 31.05.2025 and 30.04.2025, respectively. The 3rd Package (Angul - Sambalpur, 150.68 km) has already been completed and opened to traffic.
