

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5312
ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2025**

ROAD NETWORKS

**5312. SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:
PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:
SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of road networks in the country as of the latest available data and the comparative figure for ten years ago;**
- (b) the total length of National Highways/State Highways/rural roads added in the country during the past ten years;**
- (c) the key projects contributing to road network expansion and the challenges faced in the implementation of road development projects in Maharashtra and the steps taken to address them;**
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized for road infrastructure development in Maharashtra during the said period;**
- (e) the total length of National Highways in Maharashtra and the percentage increase over the last ten years;**
- (f) the number of new expressways and major highway projects sanctioned for Maharashtra during this period;**
- (g) the status of major road infrastructure projects under implementation in Maharashtra;**

(h) the details of road expansion projects undertaken in Maharashtra including the length of roads constructed or upgraded in the State; and

(i) the specific increase in road length in Maharashtra and the manner in which it compares with other major States?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) As per the latest available report, Road network including National Highways/State Highways/rural roads in India has increased from about 54,02,486 km in March, 2014 to about 63,31,791 km in March, 2019. National Highways (NH) network length in the country has increased from 91,287 km in March, 2014 to 1,46,204 km at present.

(c) At present, 135 NHs projects in 2,944 km length costing ₹72,437 Crore are under construction in the State of Maharashtra, out of which 1,928 km length is completed. These projects are under various stages of construction with completion in a phased manner by FY 2027-28.

Key projects taken up in the State of Maharashtra include Delhi - Mumbai Expressway, Solapur-Kurnool-Chennai Corridor, Vadape to Thane section of NH-3 near NH-848, Elevated Nashik Phata - Khed Corridor near Pune, Access controlled Corridor from JNPT Port (Pagote) to Chowk, etc.

Challenges in project implementation are mainly of land acquisition, encroachment removal, law & order, utility shifting, non-availability of soil/aggregate, environment/forest/wildlife clearances, construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) & Road Under Bridge (RUB) issues, contractual issues, etc.

The Government has taken number of steps to expedite the completion of projects in the country, including the State of Maharashtra. These include:-

- i. Project planning including preparation of DPR mandated on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) Portal**
- ii. Award projects after adequate preparation in terms of Land Acquisition (LA) and preconstruction activities**
- iii. Streamlining LA process & environment clearances**
- iv. Simplified procedure for approval of GAD (General Arrangement Drawing) by Railways**
- v. Promotion of Contractor's Ecosystem by rationalising the projects and contract documents**
- vi. Revamped dispute resolution mechanism**
- vii. Relaxations in contract provisions under "Atmanirbhar Bharat" to improve liquidity of funds**
- viii. Periodic review of projects at various levels**

(d) Government has incurred expenditure of ₹ 1.6 Lakh Crore on development and maintenance of NHs in the State of Maharashtra since April, 2014.

(e) Length of NHs in the State of Maharashtra has increased from 6,249 km in March, 2014 to 18,462 km at present.

(f) 17,138 km length of NHs projects, including National Expressways, have been awarded in the State of Maharashtra since April, 2014.

(g) and (h) Status of NHs projects under construction in the State of Maharashtra along with length completed has been indicated in reply to Part (c).

(i). Length of NHs in the State of Maharashtra has increased from 6,249 km in March, 2014 to 18,462 km at present and NH network length in the country has increased from 91,287 km to 1,46,204 km during the same period.
