

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2067
ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2025**

ZOJILA TUNNEL IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

2067. Shri Mian Altaf Ahmad:

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री**

be pleased to state:

- (a) the expected date of completion of the Zojila Tunnel project in Jammu & Kashmir;**
- (b) the total estimated cost of the project;**
- (c) the amount of expenditure incurred on the project so far;**
- (d) the total number of persons currently employed in the project; and**
- (e) the number of workers from Ganderbal district employed in the said project?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Zojila Tunnel Project in Jammu & Kashmir commenced with an initial scheduled completion date of 29.09.2026. The project has been delayed due to multiple factors, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, a terrorist attack at the Sonamarg Tunnel Project, and extreme adverse weather conditions. The current physical progress**

stands at 64%, and the project is now targeted for completion by February 2028.

(b) & (c) The Total Cost of the Project is Rs. 6809 crore, out of which an expenditure of Rs. 3934.42 crore has been incurred so far.

(d) & (e) As per the information available with National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), a total of 1,141 individuals are currently employed in the Zojila Tunnel Project. Of these, 77% are from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and 28% of the overall workforce is from the Ganderbal District.
