

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3053
ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2025**

FOUR LANE HIGHWAY IN NAGALAND

**3053. Shri Bharatsinhji Shankarji Dabhi:
Shri Balabhadra Majhi:
Shri Dineshbhai Makwana:**

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

be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the new four-lane highway (Package II) between Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland would improve connectivity between Kohima and Dimapur and other major commercial centres in the State;**
- (b) the expected completion date for this stretch and the standards agreed upon; and**
- (c) the measures being implemented to ensure that the project meets quality, cost- effectiveness and sustainability standards?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Dimapur–Kohima Road, including the Dimapur Bypass, was conceived as a 4-lane Highway in the region under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern (SARDP-NE) Region, covering a total length of approx. 78km across plain and**

hilly terrain. This corridor has significantly improved connectivity between Dimapur, the commercial hub of Nagaland, and Kohima, the State capital, as well as enhanced inter-state connectivity with Manipur. Its completion has reduced travel time by upto three hours, facilitated economic growth, improved tourism, boosted sericulture farming, enabled export of agro products, and provided better connectivity to remote areas.

(b) The Dimapur–Kohima Road is divided into five packages:

- i. Two packages of the Dimapur Bypass Road (Assam & Nagaland portion) have been completed and are under the maintenance period.**
- ii. The Dimapur–Kohima Road (Package-I) has achieved 99.81% physical progress.**
- iii. The Dimapur–Kohima Road (Package-II) has been completed and is under maintenance.**
- iv. Dimapur–Kohima Road (Package-III): The revised target for completion is June, 2027.**

All works are being executed as per Indian Roads Congress (IRC) and standards.

(c) All efforts are made by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to ensure that the project is constructed as per stipulated quality standards specified in the IRC specifications and codes. To ensure that Highway construction adheres to stipulated quality standards, Authority Engineer/ Independent Engineers (AE/IE) are appointed by NHIDCL for day-to-day supervision of works at site. Officials of NHIDCL undertake inspections from time to time and ensure adherence of conformity of quality of the work done by the Concessionaire/ Contractors with stipulated requirements. Deficiencies, if any, observed during such examination/ supervision are brought to the notice of the Concessionaires/ Contractors for taking up necessary corrective measures. Actions against defaulting agencies are taken as per the provisions of the Contract agreement in case of any defaults.

The project stretches faces significant geological challenges and vulnerabilities, which have affected progress and caused delays. To address these issues and ensure long-term sustainability, slope protection measures and the construction of a RCC Box Cell Viaduct using push technology have been incorporated into the project scope. These interventions are aimed at enhancing structural stability while ensuring cost-effectiveness over the long run.
