

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1891
ANSWERED ON 11th DECEMBER, 2025**

WORKS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN TAMIL NADU

1891. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of under-construction structures including bridges, flyovers, underpasses, service lanes and culverts on National Highways across Tamil Nadu as of date along with the details of the year in which work commenced and the current stage of completion in each case;

(b) the number of such structures that have remained incomplete for over one year, two years and three years respectively;

(c) whether any of these incomplete structures have been opened for public use prior to obtaining completion certification, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total funds allocated, released and spent on these projects during the last five years along with the reasons for cost overruns or delays?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) As on date, about 844 structures such as bridges, flyovers, underpasses and culverts are under construction across 79 National Highway projects in the State of Tamil Nadu. These structures are at various stages of construction. The year of commencement and present status of completion of each such structure are maintained by the respective implementing agencies viz. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)/State PWD and are regularly monitored at regional and headquarters levels.

(b) Out of 844 structures across 79 National Highway projects in the State including bridges, flyovers, underpasses etc., 18 projects comprising of 104 structures are incomplete for more than one year, 13 projects comprising of 80 structures are incomplete for more than two years, and under 5 projects comprising of 62 structures are incomplete for more than three years.

(c) Opening of any National Highway structure for public use is undertaken only after ensuring full compliance with safety and traffic-worthiness norms. None of the structures are reported to have been opened to traffic prior to completion and the conduct of the requisite safety audit.

(d) Funds are allocated State-wise and not project-wise. During the last five years, the total funds allocated and expenditure made for NH projects in Tamil Nadu are Rs. 36405.00 crore and Rs. 36396.00 crore, respectively.

The main reasons for delays and cost overruns wherever occurred, include issues related to land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental and forest clearances, law and order problems, local protests, encroachments, poor performance of contractors, shortage of construction materials and unforeseen site conditions.
