

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1939
ANSWERED ON 11th DECEMBER 2025**

CONSTRUCTION OF NHS PROJECTS

1939. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering awarding 10,000 kilometres of National Highway projects by the end of the financial year 2026, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decrease in the award from 12,000 kilometres to 6,000 kilometres during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has taken several steps to reduce the time taken between approving a project and its date of commissioning, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has set a target of award of National Highways (NHs) projects for about 10,000 km during the current Financial Year 2025-26. The State/UT wise details of target for award of NHs projects during 2025-26 is annexed.**

(b) and (c) The year-wise details of award during the previous three financial years are as follows:

Financial year (FY)	Awarded Length (km)
2022-23	12,376
2023-24	8,581
2024-25	7,538

The pace of award has slowed down over the previous FYs mainly due to (i) strictly ensuring availability of 90% Right of Way (ROW) before start, forest & wildlife clearances and approved General Arrangement of Drawing (GAD) for ROBs / RUBs; and (ii) stricter scrutiny of projects. These measures are aimed to ensure smooth implementation without substantial delays.

The Government has undertaken various initiatives to reduce the time taken between approving a project and its date of commissioning. These include streamlining and expediting land acquisition using “Bhoomirashi” portal and GIS-based Land Acquisition Plan, revamping “Parivesh” Portal through Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to facilitate faster forest and environmental clearances, enabling online approval of General Arrangement of Drawings (GAD) of Road Over Bridge / Road Under Bridge (ROB/RUB) from the Railways, and leveraging the mechanism of review and resolution of bottlenecks / hindrances in ongoing projects, in active collaboration with the State Governments and other stakeholders. Government has also launched a web portal for Railway related clearances with defined timelines for various approvals.

The Government has put in place a strong framework using multiple mechanisms for monitoring project progress and contractor inefficiencies. Regular review meetings are conducted at various levels with stakeholders to assess project progress, and critical projects, such as those delayed by more than three years or pending for award / appointment.

Many State Governments conduct coordination meetings led by the Chief Secretary to resolve issues affecting project execution. Projects where issues remain unresolved are escalated for further review through the Project Monitoring Group and through “PRAGATI”.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1939 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M. REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NHS PROJECTS

The State/UT wise details of target for award of NHs projects during 2025-26:-

Sl. No.	State/UT	Target (km)
1	Andhra Pradesh	461
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1000
3	Assam	188
4	Bihar	569
5	Chhattisgarh	71
6	Delhi	50
7	Goa	38
8	Gujarat	500
9	Haryana	104
10	Himachal Pradesh	121
11	Jammu & Kashmir	158
12	Jharkhand	364
13	Karnataka	328
14	Kerala	275
15	Ladakh	11
16	Madhya Pradesh	1484
17	Maharashtra	698
18	Manipur	206
19	Meghalaya	301
20	Mizoram	14
21	Nagaland	17

Sl. No.	State/UT	Target (km)
22	Odisha	321
23	Punjab	216
24	Rajasthan	351
25	Sikkim	73
26	Tamil Nadu	398
27	Telangana	640
28	Tripura	95
29	Uttar Pradesh	711
30	Uttarakhand	183
31	West Bengal	54
	Total	10000
