

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030
ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF CHENNAI-BANGALORE EXPRESSWAY

1030. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of the Chennai–Bangalore Expressway has been delayed and, if so, the specific reasons for the delay in each State along the route;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for the project so far, State-wise and phase-wise;**
- (c) the projected loss of economic benefits due to the delay, including impacts on logistics efficiency, trade and regional development;**
- (d) the status of environmental and land acquisition clearances for the project, including steps taken to resolve pending issues; and**
- (e) the revised timeline for the Expressway’s full operationalization and the measures being implemented to ensure timely completion?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The details are annexed.

(c) Chennai – Bangalore Expressway would connect Chennai and Bengaluru with access control facility. While the Expressway will lead to increased logistic efficiency, leading to higher economic growth, the traffic is presently plying on the 4/6 lane National Highway (NH) and trade is not being impeded.

(d) All these issues have since been resolved, and no such issue is pending as on date.

(e) All packages are likely to be completed by July 2026, except Package-3 of Phase-3 (Arakkonam–Kancheepuram section), where work has stopped since May 2025 due to financial constraints of the Concessionaire. Subsequent to intention to terminate notice to the Concessionaire by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) dated 10.11.2025 and Speaking Order dated 08.01.2026 of NHAI as per Court direction, Senior Lenders have proposed to exercise their right to substitute the Concessionaire vide letter dated 20.01.2026. The details are annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030 ANSWERED ON 05TH FEBRUARY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN REGARDING 'DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF CHENNAI-BANGALORE EXPRESSWAY'.

Status of implementation of Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway (NE-7) as on 31.12.2025										
Sl. No.	Phase /State	Name Project	Length (Km)	Cost (Rs.in Cr.)	Appointed Date	Physical Progress as on 31.12.2025 (%)	Completed Length as on 31.12.2025 (Km)	Expenditure as on 31.12.2025 (Rs. Cr.)	Present status / reasons for Delay	Revised Scheduled date of completion
1	Phase -1 Karnataka	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Bangalore-Malur section of NE-7 - Pkg -1)	27.1	2480.99	15.09.2021	99.0%	27.1	2258.6	Project length completed and put to use of traffic.	N.A.
2	Phase -1 Karnataka	4 lane Bangalore -Chennai Expressway (Malur - Bangarpet section of NE-7 - Pkg-2)	27.1	1180.17	20.09.2021	99.8%	27.1	986.5		
3	Phase -1 Karnataka	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Bangarpet- Bethamangala section of NE -7 - Pkg -3)	17.5	784.22	18.01.2022	100.0%	17.5	677.9	Work Completed on 31.05.2024.	N.A.
		Phase-1/Karnataka (Total)	71.7	4445.4			71.7	3923.0		
1	Phase -2 Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Bethamangala -Byreddypalli section of NE-7 - Pkg -1)	25.0	1410.0	10.10.2022	98%	25.0	1274.4	Work Completed on 31.12.2025	N.A.
2	Phase -2 Andhra Pradesh	4 lane Bangalore -Chennai Expressway (Byreddypalli- Bangarupalem section of NE -7 - Pkg-2)	31.0	2548.0	08.06.2023	82%	24.5	2011.2	Due to NBWL clearance conditions requiring additional structures in Forest stretch.	17.06.2026

3	Phase -2 Andhra Pradesh	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Bangarupalem to Gudipala section of NE-7 - Pkg -3)	29.0	1407.3	04.10.2022	99%	29.0	1327.5	Work Completed on 09.05.2025	N.A.
		Phase-2 / Andhra Pradesh (Total)	85.0	5365.4			78.5	4613.1		
1	Phase -3 Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Gudipala - Walajahpet section of NE-7 - Pkg-1)	24.0	1481.9	30.05.2022	94%	23.9	1387.0	1) Hard rock cutting in close proximity of residential settlement. 2) Required multiple approvals from Railways for construction of bow string girder ROB.	28.02.2026
2	Phase -3 Tamil Nadu	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Walajahpet - Arakonam section of NE-7 - Pkg-2)	24.5	1106.7	16.07.2022	93%	24.3	788.1	1) Due to shifting of EHT Lines. 2) Delay in construction of ROB due to delay in shifting of SSP Building belonging to Railways. 3) PCC for 23.56 Km issued w.e.f 20.01.2025.	Balance work of ROB is expected to be completed by 30.04.2026
3	Phase -3 Tamil Nadu	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Arakonam - Kancheepuram section of NE-7 - Pkg-3)	25.5	1525.1	08.08.2022	54%	11.0	767.5	Work stopped since May, 2025 due to financial constraints of the Concessionaire. Senior Leaders proposed to exercise their right to substitute Concessionaire, after NHAI issued Intention to Terminate Notice.	-
4	Phase -3 Tamil Nadu	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway (Kancheepuram - Sriperumbudur) section of NE-7 - Pkg -4)	31.7	3605.7	11.07.2022	84%	25.4	1670.0	1) Delay in determination of land/crop compensation by the District Administration for erection of new EHT towers. 2) Delay in procurement of Borrow earth. 3) Unseasonal rainfall. 4) Due to inadequate mobilization of resources by the contractor.	31.07.2026
5	Phase -3 Tamil Nadu	Construction of Trumpet Interchange Connecting Bangalore -Chennai	1.1	162.6	26.02.2024	26%	0.0	33.5	1) Due to change in design from Pile foundation to open foundation 2) Due to inadequate m	31.07.2026

	nai Expressway with Maduravoyal - Walajapet Section of NH 48 near Sriperumbudur							obilization of resources by the contractor.	
	Phase-3 / Tamil Nadu (Total)	106.8	7881.9			84.7	4646.0	3) Unseasonal rainfall.	
	Grand Total (Phase-1, 2 & 3)	263.5	17692.7			234.9	13182.1		
