

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1049
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DIGITAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS

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RAJENIMBALKAR:**

SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Digital Highway Projects being implemented across the country, particularly in Maharashtra;**
- (b) the details of the total funds allocated and released so far for these projects during the last five years, State-wise, particularly for Maharashtra;**
- (c) the current physical and financial progress of these Digital Highway projects; and**
- (d) the timelines fixed by the Government for the completion of these projects and the steps being taken to ensure their timely implementation?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (d) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). As a pilot initiative, Government has taken up development of integrated utility corridors along certain**

sections of two National Highways / National Expressways. The pilot initiative aims to develop Optic Fiber Cables (OFC) infrastructure integrated with highway construction. Government aims to lease such OFC network at competitive rates to IP-1 license holders, allowing Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), Internet Service Providers (ISPs), Local Cable Operators (LCOs) etc., benefiting the general public, including users on NHs. Sections along the Delhi - Mumbai Expressway and Hyderabad - Bengaluru Corridors have been identified as pilot routes for the Digital Highway development. Status of these OFC projects is as under: -

Corridor	State / UT	Length (km) / Cost (₹ Cr)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Target Completion Date
Delhi - Mumbai Expressway	Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra	Pkg-1 (787 km / ₹ 108 Cr)	94%	65%	31.05.2026
		Pkg-2 (599 km / ₹ 88 Cr)	57%	40%	31.05.2027
Hyderabad - Bengaluru	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	Pkg-3 (500 km / ₹ 88 Cr)	99%	81%	28.02.2026

Any further development in this regard may be considered by Government upon successful utilisation of the above pilot projects.
