

**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.
