

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 24  
ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

**BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA**

**24. SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details on the progress made under the Bharatmala Pariyojana including the number of projects completed and ongoing;**
- (b) the impact of the scheme on regional connectivity especially in Tamil Nadu and other southern States;**
- (c) whether the Bharatmala Pariyojana has led to significant improvements in logistics efficiency, reduction in transportation costs and the time savings for freight movement, if so, the details of the data and assessment thereof;**
- (d) the future plans to expand and accelerate the Bharatmala Pariyojana to further benefit local economies and rural areas; and**
- (e) the manner in which the Government evaluates the overall success and socio-economic impact of the Bharatmala Pariyojana so far?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (d) Bharatmala Pariyojana was approved by Government of India in 2017 covering a length of 34,800 km to improve connectivity and reduce logistic cost in the country. As on December 2025, Projects covering a total length of 26,425 km has been awarded and 21,783 km has been constructed. New sanctions of projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana has been discontinued and new projects are approved at corridor level under National Highway (original) after the approval of Competent Authority.**
- (b) Some of the important corridors completed/ in progress in Southern States under Bharatmala Pariyojana are as follow:**

- **Bengaluru - Chennai Expressway:** Enhances freight efficiency between two key economic hubs of South India viz. IT hub of Bengaluru and manufacturing, logistics hub of Chennai;
- **Bangalore Ring Road:** Provides safe movement of commercial vehicles bypassing Bangalore, reducing congestion in city and connects Bangalore sub-urban areas of Hoskote, Devanahalli, Doddaballapur, Ramnagara, Kanakpura & Anekal in Karnataka and Hosur in Tamil Nadu;
- **Surat - Kurnool - Chennai Corridor:** It will provide high-speed access-controlled connectivity between ports on Eastern and Western Coasts of India and passes through Chennai, Kurnool, YSR (Kadapa), Kalburgi, Ganagapura, Shahapur and Saidapur;
- **Raipur - Visakhapatnam Corridor:** 6-lane, fully access-controlled Greenfield will ensure seamless connectivity between the industrial nodes mineral-rich areas of Chhattisgarh and Odisha with Visakhapatnam Port.

(c) The study conducted by Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore to evaluate the impact of Bharatmala Pariyojana indicates positive effects across multiple sectors. Economically, household income and expenditure has increased. Logistics efficiency has improved with reduced costs. Businesses have benefited from better access to markets and factories. Socially, travel time to schools and healthcare facilities has decreased, enhancing accessibility. Overall, the study suggests that Bharatmala Pariyojana has significantly contributed to socio-economic growth.

(e) As per the study conducted by IIM Bangalore, Bharatmala Pariyojana has demonstrated significant socio-economic benefits across finalized 5 dimensions:

**Economic Impact:** Improved fuel efficiency and smoother travel reduce vehicle operating costs for all users.

**Logistics Impact:** Faster, more predictable movement of goods due to reduced congestion and better road quality.

**Social Impact:** Easier and quicker access to schools, hospitals, workplaces, and essential services.

**Environmental Impact:** Lower fuel use and smoother driving lead to a clear reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**Road Safety & User Experience:** Smoother surfaces, better safety features, and upgraded amenities make travel safer and more comfortable.

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