

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3333
ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026**

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN KOLHAPUR CITY

3333. SHRI SHAHU SHAHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing traffic congestion in Kolhapur city particularly on the National Highway passing through the city, due to the movement of heavy vehicles, city traffic and inter district traffic on the same routes;

(b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued instructions on 17.02.2025 to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Shivaji Pul Double Decker Bridge and related traffic improvement works and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation has been directed to carry out utility shifting works in coordination with the concerned departments and whether necessary approvals have been obtained; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to accord priority to these works and ensure their early execution to reduce traffic congestion in Kolhapur city and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The traffic congestion has been observed in Kolhapur city on NH 166 passing through Kolhapur City from Shivaji Bridge to CPR Chowk-Vinus Corner-Dabholkar Corner-Tawade Hotel, particularly in peak hours. The said stretch is maintained by Kolhapur Municipal Corporation. However, the bypass to Kolhapur City is under construction and scheduled for completion in Financial Year (FY) 2026-27.

Further, Government keeps on undertaking feasibility study / preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for upgradation of existing stretch / bypass of the National Highway passing through the city. As regard to traffic congestion on NH passing through Kolhapur city is concerned, Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared by the State Government of Maharashtra through Kolhapur Municipal Corporation. Based on the outcome of the DPR, the viability of taking up the project of elevated flyover shall be examined considering traffic density applicable guidelines for such works and synergy of the project with PM Gati-Shakti National Master Plan (NMP).
