

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4521
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026**

DELAY IN COMPLETION OF SHAHDOL BYPASS

†4521. SMT. HIMADRI SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the current physical and financial progress of the four-laning and widening of National Highway (NH-43) on the Katni-Shahdol-Anuppur section extending towards the Chhattisgarh border as of February, 2026;**
- (b) the specific reasons for the persistent delays in the completion of the Shahdol Bypass and the final projected date for its full operationalization and opening to heavy traffic;**
- (c) whether there is any feasibility study or formal proposal currently under consideration to upgrade the road connectivity between Shahdol and the holy town of Amarkantak to a high-speed corridor to boost religious tourism and provide better market access for the local tribal population; and**
- (d) the current status of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed Economic Corridor passing through the Shahdol division under the next phase of the Bharatmala Pariyojana or the National Mater Plan?**

ANSWER

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

(a) The current status of four laning and widening of National Highway (NH)-43 on the Katni-Shahdol-Anuppur (upto Chhattisgarh border) section is as under:

S. No.	Project Name	Length (in Km.)	Status
1	2-lane with paved shoulder of Katni-Umariya Section	69.10	Completed on 14.04.2018 and Presently under Operation & Maintenance (O&M).
2	2-lane with paved shoulder of Umariya-Shahdol Section	73.10	Physical and financial progress is about 95% and 92% respectably.
3	2-lane with paved shoulder of Shahdol-Annuppur (upto Chhattisgarh border) Section	91.80	Completed on 17.02.2017 and Presently under O&M.

(b) The Shahdol Bypass of 9.6 km has been completed except one Vehicular underpass. The traffic is already plying on this stretch.

(c)&(d) No such proposal for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for high speed/ Economic Corridor between Shahdol and Amarkantak is under consideration.
