

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6234  
ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2026**

**DELAY IN NH PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU**

**6234. SHRI RAJA A.**

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

**(a) the total number of National Highway (NH) projects currently under construction and pending particularly in Tamil Nadu and the number of these projects that are delayed beyond the stipulated timelines, project-wise;**

**(b) the details regarding causes of delays in National Highway projects in Tamil Nadu such as cost escalation, environmental clearances and negligence of contractors, etc.; and**

**(c) the concrete and time-bound steps taken by Government so far to ensure timely completion of the delayed projects in the State with details thereof?**

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

**(a) & (b) The details of ongoing National Highway (NH) projects, including those delayed, in the State of Tamil Nadu, along with reasons for delay, are annexed.**

**(c) Continuous monitoring and coordination with State Government authorities and other stakeholders are undertaken to expedite resolution of issues relating to land acquisition, forest and environmental clearances, utility shifting, borrow area approvals and other statutory requirements affecting National Highway projects.**

**Regular review meetings are held at various levels to identify and address project-related bottlenecks in a time-bound manner. High-value and critical infrastructure projects are taken up for review through PRAGATI Platform to facilitate inter-departmental coordination and Centre-State coordination for expeditious resolution of bottlenecks.**

**Further, contractor performance is closely monitored through periodic reviews, and appropriate action is taken, wherever required, in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Agreement.**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6234 ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI RAJA A. REGARDING 'DELAY IN NH PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU'.**

Sl. No.	Name Project	Length (Km)	Cost (Rs.in Cr.)	Appointed Date	Scheduled completion date	Physical Progress as on 28.02.2026 (%)	Likely/ Actual date of completion	Reason for Delay
1	4-laning of Kamalapuram - Oddanchattram section of NH-209	36.5	1319.4	21.01.2021	20.01.2023	91.01%	31.05.2026	1) Slow disbursement of Compensation amount. 2) Slow Progress of Concessionaire due to Financial Constraints. 3) Improper planning of the Concessionaire. 4) Hindrance due to Utility Shifting.
2	4-laning of Madathukulam - Pollachi section of NH-209	50.1	1772.1	04.12.2020	03.12.2022	92.42%	30.04.2026	1) Poor planning and resources/ financial crisis/ slow progress of Concessionaire. 2) LA issues including slow disbursement of compensation. 3) Unseasonal Rainfall.
3	4-laning of Vadipatti - Thamarapatti section of NH-744A (Madurai Ring Road)	30.0	900.1	16.03.2020	15.03.2022	93.50%	30.06.2026	1) Major delay is Poor planning and resource mobilization including Borrow area, Aggregates etc., 2) Force Majeure i.e., excess rainfall, early release of water in Vaigai - Periyar canal, which were

								beyond the control of both the parties. 3) Delay in procurement of earth 4) Heavy / unseasonal rainfall
4	4-laning of Melur - Karaikudi section of NH-338, NH-36 and NH-383	45.9	1103.9	16.03.2020	15.03.2022	91.25%	15.07.2026	1) Poor planning and resources on part of the Contractor 2) Delay in procurement of earth 3) Heavy / Unseasonal Rainfall
5	4-laning of Sattanathapuram - Nagapattinam section of NH-45A	55.8	2899.8	05.10.2020	04.10.2022	78.70%	31.08.2026	1) Delay in procurement of earth/ flyash. 2) Acquisition of additional land. 3) Public demands for additional project facilities. 4) Slow Progress of Concessionaire.
6	6-laning of Karaipettai to Walajapet section of NH-48	36.1	766.5	11.02.2019	09.02.2021	95.00%	30.04.2026	1) Delay in Procurement of borrow earth by the Contractor 2) Poor planning and resources of Men & Machinery and Slow progress of Contractor.
7	4-laning of Mamallapuram - Mugaiyur section of NH-332A (Package-1)	31.0	1360.5	12.05.2022	10.05.2024	63.71%	31.08.2026	1) Delay due to Land Acquisition. 2) Insufficient Resource mobilisation and Slow Porogress by Concessioniare. 3) Delay in

								Procurement of Borrow Earth. 4) Additional works under COS.
8	4-laning of Mugaiyur - Marakkana m section of NH-332A (Package-2)	31.0	1116.1	07.12.2023	05.12.2025	56.64%	31.08.2026	1) Delay due to Land Acquisition. 2) Insufficient Resource mobilisation and Slow Porogress by Concessioniare. 3) Delay in Procurement of Borrow Earth. 4) Ground Improvement requirements near Backwaters.
9	4 lane Bangalore to Chennai Expressway (Gudipala to Walajahpet) section of NE-7 (Package-I)	24.0	1481.9	30.05.2022	28.05.2024	97.16%	30.04.2026	1) Hard rock cutting in close proximity of residential settlement. 2) Required multiple approvals from Railways for construciton of bowstring girder ROB.
10	4 lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway from Km 180+000 - Km 204+500 (Walajahpet - Arakonam) - (Package-II)	24.5	1106.7	16.07.2022	14.07.2024	94.66%	30.04.2026	1) Due to shifting of EHT Lines. 2) Delay in construction of ROB due to delay in shifting of SSP Building belonging to Railways. 3) PCC for 23.56 Km issued w.e.f 20.01.2025.

11	4 Lane Bangalore Chennai Expressway (Arakonam to Kancheepuram) section of NE-7 - (Package-III)	25.5	1525.1	08.08.2022	29.07.2024	53.56%	---	Work has been stopped since May 2025 due to financial constraints of the Concessionaire. Subsequent to Intention to Terminate Notice to the Concessionaire by NHAI dated 10.11.2025 and Speaking Order dated 08.01.2026 of NHAI as per the Court direction, Senior Lenders proposed to exercise their right to substitute the Concessionaire vide letter dated 20.01.2026.
12	4 Bangalore – Chennai Expressway (Kancheepuram to Sriperumbudur) section of NE-7 (Package-IV)	31.7	3605.7	11.07.2022	09.07.2024	85.66%	31.07.2026	1) Delay in determination of land/ crop compensation for erection of new EHT towers. 2) Delay in procurement of Borrow Earth. 3) Unseasonal rainfall. 4) Slow Progress of Concessionaire.
13	4-laning Neraluru-Thorapalli Agraharam section of NH-844 (Package-I)	23.4	1757.3	26.10.2022	24.10.2024	83.00%	31.07.2026	Due to financial constraints of the Concessionaire.

14	4-laning Thorapalli Agraharam - Jittandahalli section of NH-844 (Package- II)	36.8	1243.6	07.12.2021	06.12.2023	86.00%	31.12.20 26	1) Delay in land acquisition. 2) Delay in getting forest clearance. 3) Financial constraints of Concessionaire.
15	4L of Thirumanga lam to Vadugapatti section of NH-744 (Package-I)	36.0	1077.0	23.02.2023	21.02.2025	93.74%	31.05.20 26	1) Delay in land acquisition and 2) Poor planning and resource mobilization by Contractor.
16	4L of Vadugapatti to Therkuveng anallur (Rajapalya m) section of NH-744 (Package- II)	35.6	1317.1	12.04.2023	11.04.2025	99.70%	15.04.20 26	1) Delay in approval of Launching scheme by Railway for 2 nos. of ROBs, which was pending since 12.11.2024. 2) Presently, Launching scheme for 1st ROB approved on 29.09.2025 and launching activities in progress. 3) Launching scheme for 2nd ROB is still to be approved by Southern Railways.

17	Balance works of 4-Lane from Thiruvallur Bypass to Veppampattu Bypass passing through Thannerkulam, Thozur and Sevapet Bypass of Tirupati-Tiruttani-Chennai Section of NH-716	17.5	468.0	21.09.2022	20.09.2024	97.92%	30.04.2026	1) Utility Shifting (Delay in obtaining Electrical Utility shifting Estimates from TANGEDCO & Issue pertaining to GST on overall Estimate value) 2) Unseasonal Rainfall 3) LA issue (Burial Ground & Additional Land) 4) COS (IOCL & Utility shifting) 5) Delay in getting NOC for Krishna Canal Minor Bridge
18	4-laning of left over works including Additional structures in KL/TN Border Kanyakumari of NH-66	23.1	1564.2	12.08.2023	01.08.2025	72.43%	31.07.2026	1) Poor planning and Slow progress of Contractors. 2) Work was affected/stopped in Kunnathur village for a length of 1.3 Km from Km 49+500 to Km 50+800 (2 Major bridges, 1 Minor bridge & 1 VOP) from Aug'2023 which got resolved only on 27.05.2025 3) Restrictions imposed by the District Administration for movement of Mineral Materials from Tirunelveli District to Kanniyakumari. 4) Delay in approval of borrow earth.

19	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Package-I)	4.9	1388.6	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	18.92%	16.11.2027	<p>1) Hon'ble NGT, Water Resources Dept. of GoTN directed not to take up work along Cooum river bank area during Monsoon season, resulting stoppage of work during Monsoon period.2) Restrictions by Police for movement of construction vehicles through Chennai city roads. 3) Slow progress of Contractors</p>
20	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Package-II)	5.1	1617.0	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	15.48%	16.11.2027	
21	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Package-III)	4.5	1299.4	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	15.38%	16.11.2027	
22	New Double Tier 4-lane Elevated Corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (Package-IV)	6.4	1205.4	23.11.2023	20.05.2026	6.67%	16.11.2027	

23	Construction of Trumpet Interchange Connecting Bangalore – Chennai Expressway with Maduravoyal - Walajahpet Section of NH 48 near Sriperumbudur	1.1	162.6	26.02.2024	23.08.2025	28.79%	31.10.2026	1) Due to change in design from Pile foundation to open foundation 2) Due to inadequate mobilization of resources by the contractor. 3) Unseasonal rainfall.
24	4-laning of STRR Bengaluru, NH 948A Balagondapalli (Tamil Nadu) to Karnataka/ Tamil Nadu border	35.8	1260.7	18.05.2023	16.05.2025	83.02%	30.09.2026	1) Delay in Land Acquisition 2) Demand of additional service road
25	Access Controlled Highway of 4 Lane with Paved Shoulders from Tiruvallur to TN/AP Broder section of NH-716 (Chennai-Tirupati Package-1)	44.0	1376.1	28.12.2024	27.12.2026	28.01%	27.12.2026	Project on schedule.
26	Balance Works for six laning of Sriperumbudur to Karaipettai section of NH-48	16.8	411.2	27.01.2025	27.10.2026	26.16%	27.10.2026	Project on schedule.

27	4 lane Access controlled Highway from Walajapet/ Ranipet to TN/AP Border of NH-40.	28.0	1338.1	30.09.2025	29.09.2027	5.00%	29.09.2027	Project on schedule.
28	Balance works for four laning of Vikravandi to Sethiyathoppu section of NH 45C	66.0	834.4	25.06.2025	24.06.2027	17.21%	24.06.2027	Project on schedule.
29	Improving the alignment of Thoppur Ghat section from in Dharmapuri - Salem section of NH-44	6.6	905.0	21.03.2025	20.03.2028	27.80%	20.03.2028	Project on schedule.
30	Construction of ROB at km 22/2 of NH 49 Extn (New NH No 85) (Madurai - Cochin road) & Railway chainage in km 19/2-3 in lieu of LC-17 between Vadapalanji & Usilampatti Railway stations under	1.05	59.38	22-02-2021	22-02-2023	100%	31.03.2026	1.Revised Alignment approval 2.GAD Alt-I & Alt-II approval 3.Railway span substructure and superstructure approval. 4.TAD for launching scheme of Railway span approval. Status of Hindrance: Nil

	Sethubharatham project							
31	Construction of ROB and their Approaches at Km 81/800 (Near Kannamangalam) in Lieu of Existing LC No.109A/3 T at Railway Km 130/23-25 of NH-234 (Mangalore – Villupuram Road) including Land Acquisition	1.1	98.55	03-03-2023	19-02-2025	61.00%	20.02.2027	Delay in Approval of Railway GAD by Railway Authorities for the ROB (In compliance to Article 3. subclause 3.100)(b)) Delay in Commencement of Limited Height Subway and Retaining Wall Works (In compliance to Article 8, subclause 8.2(i)(ii))
32	Construction of ROB at Km 93/4 of NH 49 Extn. (Madurai - Cochin road) in lieu of LC 85 and Railway Km 89/7-8 in between Theni and Bodi Railway Stations.Under SethuBharatham project	0.85	45.18	29-10-2021	29-10-2023	56.00%	28.08.2026	1.Delay due to change in Gradient from 1 in 40 to 1 in 28.5 on one side and it is agreed in-principle by the Ministry on 16.08.2023. 2.Delay due to Land Acquisition. 3.Revalidation of GAD ALT-2 approval from Railways.- Status of Hindrance:Nil

33	Construction of ROB at Km 75/8 of NH 49 Extn. (Madurai - Cochin road) in lieu of LC 68 and Railway Km 72/6-7 in between Aundipatti and Theni Railway Stations Under SethuBharatham Project	1.26	92.02	29-10-2021	29-10-2023	65.00%	01.09.2026	1.Delay due to Land Acquisition.2.Revalidation of GAD approval from Railways.- Status of Hindrance: RCE approved by Ministry on 13.08.2025.
34	Construction of ROB and their approaches at Km 103/4 near Ettivadi in Lieu of existing level crossing No. 86 of NH-234 (Mangalore - Villupuram road) including Land Acquisition	1.01	64.25	23-09-2024	12.09.2026	48.00%	12.09.2026	
35	Construction of LVUP at Km 109/10 of NH-4 (New NH-40) (Chennai-Chittoor Bangalore road)	0.5	13.51	16-02-2023	08.08.2024	90.00%	30.04.2026	1.Lack of suitable traffic diversion. 2.Presence of hospitals.  Status of Hindrance: Now A1 side also is in progress and both approaches were

								nearing completion stage. The work will be completed on or before 30.04.2026.
36	Construction of Fly Over including Junction Improvements at Km 348/6 - 349/8 of NH 67 (Km 15/6 - 16/8 of New NH 181) (Nagapattinam – Gudalur – Mysore Road) at Saibaba Colony Junction in Coimbatore City	1.14	59.93	19.08.2024	19-08-2026	81.00%	19.08.2026	
37	Construction of Bypass to Madurai - Achambathu - Viratipathu in Km 6/850 - 10/382 of NH 49 Extn. (New NH 85) including LA & Shifting of Utilities	3.532	238.97	02-09-2024	23-08-2026	92.00%	23.08.2026	

38	Construction of ROB and their Approaches at Km 99/4 (LC Gate No.503/Spl - A -3/E) of NH208 Kollam-Thirumangalam Road	1.23	53.02	15-09-2023	14-09-2024	87.00%	30.06.2026	Delay in progress due to Non – Closure of Level Crossing and Traffic, Approval of Drawings by Railways, Signing of Memorandum of Understanding.
39	Permanent Improvement of Black Spot (TN-(02)-635) at New Cinema junction @ Km 62/4-63/0 by Providing additional high level bridge @ Km62/6-62/880 including widening of existing road with Centre median, Storm Water drain, CD works and Junction improvements of NH 45A (New NH 32) (Villupuram - Pondy - Nagapattinam Road)	0.6	31.45	24-01-2024	13-01-2026	90.00%	12.04.2026	1.Delay in shifting of TWAD Pipe line at the approaches2. Delay in shifting of drinking water and Sewage pipe line of Cuddalore Municipal Corporation.Due to heavy rain during North East monsoon and Fengal cyclone

40	Construction of additional 2 lane Bow-String ROB adjacent to the existing 2 lane Bow-String ROB at Km 56/2 of NH-234 (new NH-75) (Mangalore - Villupuram Road)	0.45	33.52	04-10-2024	24-09-2026	7.00%	24.09.2026	
41	Strengthening from Km 0/000 to Km 12/300 (length 12.300 km) of NH-38 (old NH 234) Mangalore-Villupuram road on EPC mode in the State of Tamil Nadu under Annual Plan 2024-25.	12.3	20.83	30.04.2025	27.10.2025	95.00%	31.03.2026	Due to getting RCE approvalStatus of Hindrance: RCE approved on 12.02.2026
42	Strengthening from Km 0/000 to 3/200 on NH 87 and from Km 46/275 to Km 48/175 of NH 85 on (EPC) Basis Contract under Annual Plan 2024-25 in the state of	5.10	11.32	24.07.2025	23.01.2026	100.00%	23.01.2026	-

	Tamil Nadu							
43	Prevention of Landslides and Soil erosion by constructing of Breastwall, Gabion wall, Geo Mat Covering the Earthslip portions including Grass Seedling & Construction of culverts from Km 66/4 - 155/8 (Selected Stretches) of NH 181 (Coimbatore - Ooty - Gundalpet Road) in the State of Tamil Nadu.	1.75	19.47	19.05.2025	17-04-2026	78.00%	17.04.2026	
44	Construction of Four Lane Bypass to Vettavalam Town from Ch.0/0 to Ch.4/465 (Starting at km 104/850 and ending at km 109/190 of Nh-38 Mangalore -	4.47	50.68	02.05.2025	24.10.2026	27.00%	24.10.2026	

	Villupuram Road) under AP 2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu							
45	Balance work of Widening existing two lane to four lane including strengthening the existing carriageway from km 16/170 to km 18/110 and Improvements from km 16/0 to km 16/170 of NH-207 (New NH-648) (Length 2.11 Km) under AP-2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu	2.11	12.81	03-06-2025	02.03.2026	100.00%	02.03.2026	-

46	Widening of existing 2 lane paved shoulder to 4 Lane paved shoulder in Km 268/40 to Km 271/30 & Km 273/00 to Km 273/80 of NH 948 (Coimbatore - Sathyamangalam Road) (Length 5.40 Km) including permanent retification of three black spots (IDs - TN - 02-238, TN-02-239 & TN-03-260) under AP 2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu	5.4	52.21	24.07.2025	23.01.2027	30.00%	23.01.2027	
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47	Widening to 2L+PS in km 15/600-38/800 (expect km 28/2-28/6 & km 33/100-33/200) and improvements in km 17/300-21/300, km 22/200-26/0, km 26/600-28/0, km 28/60-30/8, km 31/700-33/100, km 33/200-35/200, km 36/200-38/800 of NH 381A (Length 22.70 Km) (Vellakoil - Sankagiri Road) under AP-2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu.	22.7	63.6	24.07.2025	23.01.2027	35.00%	23.01.2027	
48	Widening of existing two lane to four lane with paved shoulders road and improvements from Km 302/60 to Km 306/60 of NH 948 including CD works & Drain works in Tamil Nadu	4.00	44.09	22.07.2025	21.07.2026	25.00%	21.07.2026	

49	Improvements to eliminate the Blackspot at Ganapathy Moor Market Junction (TN-02-623) at Km 312/0 to Km 315/4 of NH 948 (Length 3.40 Km) (Banglore - Sathyamangalam - Coimbatore Road) under AP-2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu	3.40	51.02	29.08.2025	26.11.2026	5.00%	26.11.2026	
50	Strengthening from Km 22/000 to 78/000 of NH-38 (Length 54.223 Km) (Mangalore - Villupuram Road) on EPC mode in Tamil Nadu on EPC Basis Contract under Annual Plan 2024-25 in Tamil Nadu.	54.22	71.03	07-11-2025	04.08.2026	4.00%	04.08.2026	

51	Realignment from Km 15/4 - 16/350 of NH-179A (Salem - Tirupathur - Vaniyambadi Road) under AP 2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu	0.95	12.65	21-11-2025	21-08-2026	11.00%	21.08.2026	
52	Repair & Rehabilitation of High Level Bridge at KM 21/200 of NH 32 (Thoothukudi - Tiruchendur - Kanyakumari Road) on EPC Basis Contract under Annual Plan 2025-26 in the State of Tamil Nadu	0.2774	6.09	10.11.2025	06.08.2026	40.00%	06.08.2026	
53	Widening of service road in Mettupalayam side approach of Periyanaickenpalayam flyover including Land Acquisition from Km 31/600 to 32/000 of NH 181 (Coimbatore - Ooty -	0.4	7.43	05-12-2025	06.06.2026	15.00%	06.06.2026	

	Gundlupet road) - on EPC Basic Contract under Annual Plan 2024-25 in the State of Tamil Nadu							
54	Improvements from km 130/890 to 131/890 of NH-648 (Sharjapur-Bagalur-Hosur Road) in the state of Tamil Nadu under Annual Plan 2025-26 in the State of Tamil Nadu.	1.00	2.089	22-01-2026	21.05.2026	5.00%	21.05.2026	

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