

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6327
ANSWERED ON 02ND APRIL, 2026**

CONNECTIVITY OF TOURIST CENTRES IN MAHARASHTRA

6327. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalized any action plan for improving road connectivity to tourist centres across the country;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives, including the financial allocation, status of implementation and timelines for each project, project-wise; and

(c) the extent to which tourist centres in Maharashtra including destinations such as Mahabaleshwar, Ajanta–Ellora and Melghat are likely to benefit from improved connectivity under the said action plan, along with the expected impact on tourism inflow and local economy?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process. The development of NHs is carried out after network planning through PM Gati Shakti framework with whole of

the Government approach. While planning such development, connectivity to important Economic, Tourist and Religious centres / nodes are invariably taken into consideration, including connectivity to tourist / religious destinations prioritized by the Ministry of Tourism.

At present, 1,244 NHs projects in about 27,300 km length costing about ₹7.60 Lakh Crore are under construction for improving connectivity across the country including Tourist and Religious centres / nodes. Out of this, 14,733 km have been constructed. These projects are under various stages of implementation with scheduled completion in a phased manner by Financial Year (FY) 2029-30. State / Union Territory (UT) – wise details of these NHs projects are at Annexure.

(c) At present, 118 NHs projects in about 2,634 km length costing about ₹57,518 Crore are under construction in the State of Maharashtra for improving connectivity across the State, including Tourist and Religious centres / nodes, thereby boosting the tourism inflow and local economy. This inter-alia includes Upgradation / Rehabilitation of Aurangabad – Sillod – Ajanta – Jalgaon section of NH-753F for improving connectivity to Ajanta. Improvement works taken up on NH-66 and NH-48 shall facilitate the improvement of connectivity to Mahabaleshwar. Similarly, Improvement works on NH-52 have facilitated the improved connectivity to Ellora. Further, Government has also taken up Two / Four Laning works on Betul – Khandwa section of NH-347B to improve the connectivity to Melghat.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6327 ANSWERED ON 02ND APRIL, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE REGARDING CONNECTIVITY OF TOURIST CENTRES IN MAHARASHTRA****State / Union Territory (UT) – wise details of under construction NHs projects: -**

Sl. No.	State / UT	Nos.	Length (Km)	Cost (₹ Crore)
1	Andaman and Nicobar	4	90	763
2	Andhra Pradesh	82	1,904	42,298
3	Arunachal Pradesh	16	452	7,783
4	Assam	52	1,104	43,425
5	Bihar	67	1,914	67,680
6	Chhattisgarh	38	632	10,901
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli And Daman and Diu	3	37	338
8	Delhi	1	9	1,467
9	Goa	16	26	1,814
10	Gujarat	43	1,053	28,461
11	Haryana	18	318	14,157
12	Himachal Pradesh	31	518	14,126
13	Jammu and Kashmir	42	778	38,381
14	Jharkhand	35	847	21,255
15	Karnataka	82	2,044	45,535
16	Kerala	17	544	41,784
17	Ladakh	5	113	1,294
18	Madhya Pradesh	60	2,098	37,130
19	Maharashtra	118	2,634	57,518
20	Manipur	31	749	10,259
21	Meghalaya	14	309	6,268
22	Mizoram	15	292	8,991
23	Nagaland	21	378	5,429
24	Odisha	57	695	14,037
25	Puducherry	1	14	25
26	Punjab	34	1,029	31,565
27	Rajasthan	36	772	13,011
28	Sikkim	9	132	3,195
29	Tamil Nadu	45	697	31,849
30	Telangana	42	1,412	27,642
31	Tripura	11	228	4,562
32	Uttar Pradesh	97	2,509	96,656
33	Uttarakhand	72	750	20,322
34	West Bengal	29	219	9,947
