

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1857
ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

1857. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:

MR PATHAN YUSUF:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing National Highway (NH) projects being implemented in Hooghly and Murshidabad districts of West Bengal, including the four-laning of the de-scoped stretches of NH-12 from Krishnagar to Berhampore and the proposed bridge over the river Ganga near Farakka;**
- (b) the present status, estimated cost, physical and financial progress and expected date of completion of these projects;**
- (c) whether the Government has faced any delay due to land acquisition, environmental clearance, fund allocation or other administrative reasons in connection with such projects; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of these projects and improve road connectivity in the districts?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The details of ongoing National Highway (NH) works being implemented in Hooghly and Murshidabad districts of West Bengal are annexed.

(d) The progress of all ongoing projects is closely and periodically reviewed at various levels i.e. at site, regional and at central level. Proactive steps are taken to resolve bottlenecks such as land acquisition, utility shifting, and statutory clearances in coordination with the State Government of West Bengal to ensure the earliest possible completion of the delayed projects.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION ANSWERED ON. 1857 ON 30TH JULY, 2026 ASKED BY SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE AND MR PATHAN YUSUF REGARDING "IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL".

SI No	Project	NH	Length (in Km)	Appointed Date	Scheduled completion date	Revised Scheduled Completion Date	Present status	Reason for delay
1	Construction of new 4-lane bridge over river Ganga at downstream of Farakka Barrage including approaches connecting Farakka – Raiganj section of NH-12 on EPC Mode	12	5.468	20.12.2018	18.12.2021	Sept 2026	Physical progress – 96.71 %	1. Delay in Land acquisition. 2. Re-validation of design & drawing after the incident of collapse of launching Girder occurred on 16.02.2020. 3. Cash flow problem of the Contractor. 4. COVID-19 Pandemic.
2	Construction of Six Lane Elevated Kona Expressway from Km.0.145 to Km.7.337 of NH-12 in the state of West Bengal on EPC Mode.	12	7.192	06.06.2024	03.12.2026	Dec 2027	Physical progress – 39.89 %	The project is delayed due to the non-availability of traffic diversion permission from the Police Authority/ State Government, as well as the delay in shifting of electrical cables along the project highway by the Electricity Department.
3	4 lane from km. 31.000 to km. 48.679 of NH-34 in district of North 24-Par	12	17.679	12.08.2024	12.02.2026	Oct 2027	Physical progress – 41.67 %	Delay due to delay in land acquisition.

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4	4-laning of the de-scoped stretches from Km. 115.342 to Km. 191.700 of NH-34 in Nadia district (3.962 Km) & Murshidabad district (5.538 Km)	12	10.554	16.07.2024	11.01.2026	June 2027	Physical progress – 54.02 %	Delay due to delay in land acquisition.
5	Rehabilitation and Upgradation to 2-Lane with Paved Shoulders (2L+PS) of the Purulia-Chandil Stretch of NH-18	18	73.281	12.12.2019	08.06.2022	Nov 2026	Physical progress – 97.65 %	The Project has been delayed due to various factors, including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, revision of the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of ROBs, Land Acquisition, Railway utility shifting, approval of launching scheme by the Railway and unprecedented rainfall etc.
6	4-laning road for Purulia Bypass Section from Km 84.030 to Km 94.345 of NH-32 (Length 10.315 km)	18	10.315	05.02.2022	09.08.2023	Sept 2026	Physical progress – 96.06 %	Project terminated on 22.06.2026 due to slow progress of Contractor.
