

(f) the reasons for the delay in construction work of the said roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) Four-laning of Gorakhpur-Kushinagar (86.317 Km.) has been completed. Four-laning of Varanasi-Gorakhpur (203 Km.) and four-laning of Gorakhpur bypass (Kalesar to Jungle Kaudiya) are in implementation stage.

(b) to (f) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country and it is a continuous process. The target set during the current financial year *i.e.* 2018-19, for construction of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh is 1023 km. out of which 607 km has already been constructed till January, 2019. The reasons for delay in highway projects are delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, environmental, forest clearances, railway approvals, poor performance of contractors, etc. In EPC and Item rate contract, there is a provision for payment of escalation due to delay. In case the project is delayed due to reasons attributed to the contractor, liquidated damages are to be imposed and no escalation is paid.

Widening of NH-43

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SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of widening of the Katni to Gumla section of National Highway No. 43, has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in widening of the road and the action taken for not adhering to time-line; and

(c) whether the set standards for widening of road are being followed so that local people do not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) Some works of widening of the Katni to Gumla section of National Highway (NH) No. 43, have been delayed.

(b) The reason for delay in widening of the road and the action taken for not adhering to time-line are as under:—

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Sl. No.	State	Road Stretch/No. of Projects	Delayed Projects	Reasons for Delay	Action taken for completion of delayed projects
1.	Madhya Pradesh	Katni-Umariya-Shahdol-MP/CG Border-There are three projects. Projects from Katni to Umariya and Shahdol to MP/CG Border has already completed.	1. Umariya-Shadol	Poor performance of contractor, Land Acquisition and other issues including forest clearances.	Sub-contractor has been engaged to expedite the completion of work.
2.	Chhattisgarh	MP/CG Border-Mahendra Nagar-Surjapur-Ambikapur-Pathalgaon-Kunkuri-CG/Jharkhand Border-Out of seven projects, only two projects are delayed.	1. Ambikapur-Pathalgaon- 2. Pathalgaon-Kunkuri	Poor performance of contractor, Land Acquisition and other issues including forest clearances.	Sub-contractor has been engaged to expedite the completion of work.
3.	Jharkhand	CG/Jharkhand Border to Gumla	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c) Yes, Sir.