

(xviii) Road safety activities at colleges/universities.

(xix) Actor Akshay Kumar has been engaged as brand ambassador for Road Safety.

(xx) Video/Audio spots on road safety have been created.

Delayed projects under the ministry

1065. SHRIDEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any developmental projects under the Ministry that have been delayed, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) details of action the Ministry will take to ensure delayed projects are fast-tracked?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (b) There are 453 developmental projects under this ministry which are delayed mainly due to land acquisition, utility shifting, non-availability of soil/aggregate, poor performance of contractors, environment/forest/wildlife clearances, ROB & RUB issues with Railways, public agitation for additional facilities, arbitration/contractual disputes with contractors etc. To fast-track these projects, various steps such as streamlining of land acquisition & environment clearances, premium re-scheduling, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent review meetings with project developers, State Governments and contractors at various levels etc. have been taken up.

NH Projects in Telangana

1066. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telangana Government has proposed to convert Hyderabad-Narsapur-Medak-Yellareddy-Banswada-Bodan and Basara-Bhainsa to be taken up as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the date when such request has been made to the Ministry; and

(c) details of action taken by Central Government on the above stretch?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal was received from State Government vide their letters dated 06-06-2014 and 8-12-2014.

(c) The roads from Hyderabad (Outer ring road junction) to Medak and Rudrur to Bodhan have been notified as NH 765-D and NH 161-BB, respectively. The roads from Medak-Yellareddy-Banswada-Rudrur and Basara -Bhainsa have not been approved as NH.

National Highway in Tamil Nadu

1067. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Highways road laying work underway in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) targeted date of completion originally fixed for each Highway; and
- (c) likely date of completion of each of the Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) The details of National Highway Projects under implementation through State PWD and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 31.05.2019 along with targeted date of completion originally fixed and likely date of completion are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

Statement-1

National Highway Projects under Implementation by State PWD in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 31.05.2019.

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Length in km	Total Project cost (₹ in crore)	Appointed date	Targeted date of completion originally fixed	likely date of compl- etion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Road safety improvements including construction of retaining walls and breast walls, provision of foot path & Drain, Improvements of junction, road furniture etc., from km 428/0 -429/8 & km 431/9-434/4 in Ooty Town on NH 67.	4.30	31.60	9.6.17	8.12.18	08.09.2019