

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2814
ANSWERED ON-22/12/2021

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS UNDER THE BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA SCHEME

2814. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

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

- (a) the progress in achieving targeted construction and upgradation of National Highways under the Bharatmala Pariyojana scheme, the details of the fund utilized and percentage of target achieved;
- (b) the schemes sanctioned and implemented in Bihar under Bharatmala Pariyojana;
- (c) whether the pace of highway construction has decreased this fiscal year, if so, the shortfall compared to targeted 40 km/day and the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government; and
- (d) the employment generated through the construction works undertaken by the Ministry over the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Projects comprising length of 19,265 km have been awarded with cost of Rs. 5,60,216 crore, under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I. Till now, length of about 6,750 km has been completed.
- (b) Projects comprising length of 612 km with cost of Rs. 13,720 crore have been awarded in the State of Bihar, under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I.
- (c) Targets for the construction of National Highways are finalized on year to year basis. The Government has set a target of 12,000 km of National Highway for construction during the current financial year 2021-22 against which 5,118 Km has been constructed as on 30th November 2021.

To achieve the target for current financial year 2021-22, Government is closely monitoring various issues affecting completion of NH projects like land acquisition, encroachment removal, law & order issues, utility shifting, non-availability of soil/aggregate, environment/forest/wildlife clearances, ROB & RUB issues, contractual issues, etc. with all stakeholders including State Governments and other Central Ministries/Departments. Regular meetings with concerned State officials at local/district/state level are held on daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly basis, as per requirements based on the criticality of the issues. A comparison from last year is as under:

FY	Target (Km)	Achievement (Cumulative)			
		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
2021-22	12000	2284	3824	5118 Till, Nov-21	
2020-21	11000	1823	3950	7767	13327

- (d) It is estimated that about 4,076 man-days or about 15.5 man-years of employment is required for construction of one kilometer of National Highway. Therefore, 14.2 crore man-days or 5.37 lakh man-years of employment are required for implementation of Bharatmala Pariyojana.
