

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3762**  
ANSWERED ON-05/04/2023

**CONSTRUCTION OF JAMMU-SRINGAR HIGHWAY**

3762. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether the final timeline for the completion of Banihal Bypass has been fixed as the project is delayed over a decade causing nightmare for the locals and shopkeepers, travelling daily on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH-44);
- (b) if so, details of steps taken to complete the project;
- (c) list of tunnels, bypass roads, flyovers to be constructed/in progress between Udhampur and Banihal stretch of NH-44 in next two years;
- (d) reasons for high toll tax rates at Kaichachkoot Toll Plaza on NH-44 in Pulwama District; and
- (e) whether Government conducted any study on the effects of drilling mountains for the tunnel construction on NH-44 highway?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes Sir. The work of rehabilitation, strengthening and four-laning of Banihal Bypass from km 187.000 to km 189.350 in the State of Jammu & Kashmir having length of 2.35 km has been taken up and is targeted to complete by end of current Financial Year.
- (b) Initially project was delayed due to non-availability of land primarily on account of litigations. Now acquisition of land has been completed and work has been re-awarded as EPC contract.
- (c) Details are annexed.
- (d) User fee at toll plazas is calculated as per User Fee notification bearing S.O No. 1613(E) dated 16.04.2019. Fee is levied for following equivalent road length as per the fee notification:-

S.No	Road components	Length (km)	Equivalent length (km)
1.	Main carriageway	29.94	29.94
2.	Bypasses	27.18	40.77
3.	Structure	0.32	3.2
	Total	57.44	73.91

- (e) Detailed geological and geotechnical investigation have been conducted at the time of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for tunnels being constructed on National Highway (NH) - 44.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3762 ON 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023 ASKED BY SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE REGARDING 'CONSTRUCTION OF JAMMU-SRINGAR HIGHWAY'.

**A. List of Tunnels**

Sl No.	National Highway no.	Section	Name of Tunnel/Location
1	44	Chenani-Nashri	Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Tunnel
2	44	Udhampur-Ramban	Peerah-Kunfer Tnnel
			Cafeteria Morh Tunnel
3	44	Ramban-Banihal	Kelamorh
			Marog
			Khuni Nallah
			Panthyal
			Marog
			Chamalwas
			Marog to Digdol
			Digdol to Khuni nallah
4	44	Srinagar-Banihal	Quazigund to Banihal

**B. List of Bypasses**

Sl No.	Name of Bypass
1	Chanderkote Bypass
2	Ramban Bypass
3	Seri (NB) Bypass
4	Makarkot Bypass
5	Banihal Bypass

**C. List of Projects consisting of Flyovers/Viaducts**

Sl No.	Name of project
1	Nashri-Dhalwas section
2	Ramban-Ramsoo section
3	Chamalwas section
4	Makarkot-Ramsoo-Nachlana section

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