

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1868
ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2024

NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA

1868. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) the major factors that contribute to massive delay in National Highway projects in Odisha;
- (b) the specific infrastructure deficiencies or design issues that have contributed to delay in completing the Cuttack-Sambalpur National Highway;
- (c) the budget allocation made towards upgrading and maintaining National Highways in Odisha, particularly focusing Cuttack-Sambalpur route; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and several challenges are faced in project implementation. The government has taken various initiatives for expediting projects on National Highways in the country including the state of Odisha, like streamlining and expediting land acquisition, Revamping Parivesh Portal for forest and environment clearances, online approval of GAD of ROB/RUB from Railways, review meetings at various levels with all stakeholders including State Governments. There are, at times, delays in completion of some NH projects due to delay in preconstruction activities, contractor's financial problems, force measure events, scarcity of construction materials, delay in quarry permission etc.

Cuttack Sambhalpur project is primarily delayed on account of COVID, delay in Land Acquisition & clearances and financial crunch of Contractor.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has incurred expenditure of Rs.24,805 crore towards development and maintenance of NHs in the State of Odisha during last five years and current year. The details are as under:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2019-20	3,355
2020-21	5,336
2021-22	4,510
2022-23	4,643
2023-24	5,948
2024-25 (till June'24)	1,013
TOTAL	24,805

The work of Cuttack - Sambalpur section of National Highway (NH) - 55 has been taken up in three packages. The details of project Cost and expenditure made till date is given below:

Sr. No.	Project Name	Length (km)	Total Project Cost (Rs in Cr)	Expenditure as on date (Rs in Cr)
1	4-laning of Cuttack – Angul Section of NH-55 (Pkg– I)	59.80	1108.62	919.41
2	4-laning of Cuttack – Angul Section of NH-55 (Pkg– II)	51.80	1109.80	840.09
3	4-laning of Angul-Sambalpur Section of NH-55	150.86	2514.07	2221.89
	TOTAL		4732.49	3981.39
