

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2659
ANSWERED ON 16thMARCH, 2023**

TARGET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the target for construction of National Highways from 14,600 km to 12,000 km during 2021-22;

(b) if so, the details of targets originally fixed and subsequently revised during the said period along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the pace of highway construction has been declining leading to the targets being missed by a wide margin and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of highway projects recently and if so, the outcome thereof along with the shortcomings noticed;

(e) the target fixed for the year 2023-24 including for Odisha; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets during the financial year 2023-24?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry has set a higher target of 12,200 km for construction of National Highways (NHs) during the current financial year 2022-23, as compared to previous three financial years, and has urged all implementing agencies to make extra efforts to achieve the higher construction target. The details of construction target & achievement during last three years & the current financial year are as follows:

Financial Year	Construction Target (km)	Achievement (Km)
2022-23	12200	8064 (up to Feb-2023)
2021-22	12000	10457
2020-21	11000	13227
2019-20	11000	10237

(d) Projects are reviewed at various levels to identify and resolve bottlenecks and issues adversely affecting progress. During such reviews it has been emerged that construction progress during the current financial year have been adversely affected due to protracted monsoon in many States and above average rainfall in some States. Issues/bottlenecks relating to land acquisition, statutory clearances/permissions, utility shifting, encroachment removal, law & order, non-availability of soil/aggregate, financial crunch of Concessionaire/Contractor, poor performance of Contractor/Concessionaire, etc. have also emerged as major reasons affecting the progress of projects. The Ministry has issued instructions to all implementing agencies to resolve such issues/bottlenecks in close coordination with all stakeholders and expedite progress.

(e) The target of construction of NHs for financial year 2023-24 has not yet been finalized.

(f) Does not arise.
