

Title : Need to review the design and increase the number of lanes in the Delhi ? Sri Amritsar Sahib - Katra Expressway-Laid.

**SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA):** There is a need for review of the design and increase in the number of lanes in the Delhi-Sri Amritsar Sahib-Katra Expressway which is a very important project and is also passing through my Parliamentary Constituency, Ludhiana. The expressway will provide shortest connectivity to important Sikh religious shrines at Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib, Tarn Taran and the recently developed Dera Baba Nanak / Kartarpur Sahib International Corridor in Punjab.

This expressway will only have 4 lanes, 2 upward and downward respectively which is quite inadequate. The existing highway passing through Ludhiana is National Highway No. 44 which is already a 6 lane express highway. As Delhi-Sri Amritsar Sahib-Katra expressway is expected to experience a huge footfall of road commuters especially pilgrims, it is imperative that it should be planned as a wider 6 lane express highway. There is ample scope for the same too from the engineering point of view as it has already been planned as expandable to 8 lanes.

The redesigning of this very important project, if approved by the Government, can be helpful not only for the large number of general commuters but also to enable smooth movement of Army, whenever so required.