

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2026  
ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2025**

**SERVICE ROAD ACCESS ON NH-71 AND 4 LANING OF NH-716**

**2026. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the inconvenience being caused to public due to the lack of service road access between Renigunta and Naidupeta on National Highway (NH)-71 and the absence of an access road from Srikalahasti Rural to Thottambedu Main Road connecting Muchivolu and Venkatagiri, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any field inspections or corrective redesign efforts have been undertaken based on repeated local representations, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the status of the long-delayed 4-laning of NH-716 from Kadapa to Tirupati and the reasons for delay; and**
- (d) whether the Government would issue directives for early rectification of service road gaps and fast-track completion of NH-716 to prevent further hardship to commuters and local industries, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) and (b) Service roads have been provided at requisite and feasible locations along Renigunta-Naidupeta section of NH-71. The road connecting Muchivolu and Venkatagiri is already connected to the NH-71 through the Service Road.**

**A joint site inspection was conducted by the representatives from National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Safety Consultant, Independent Engineer and Concessionaire of the project and the provision of direct access road connecting Venkatagiri-Muchivolu to the main carriageway is not feasible at site from safety point of view.**

**(c) &(d) Four laning of NH-716 from Kadapa to Renigunta having 121.9 km length has been taken up in 2 packages and the work has already been awarded and agreements signed on 28.01.2025. The service roads have been proposed along the Highway as per site requirements and availability of land.**

**Out of 121.9 km, 31.9 km length of the project is passing through Forest, Wildlife/Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) and there was delay in obtaining Forest and Wildlife/ESZ Clearances.**

**As of now, all the project clearances have been obtained including Stage-I Forest Clearance. The work can commence on obtaining working permission for Forest Clearance and financial closure by the Concessionaires.**

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