

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5413
ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2025**

KELA TUNNEL IN LADAKH

5413. SHRI RAJA RAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved funding for the Kela Tunnel in Ladakh under the Strategic Road Projects initiative, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated cost of the project, timeline for its completion, and the current status of the Kela Tunnel project;

(c) the manner in which the tunnel would enhance connectivity and strategic mobility in the Ladakh region, specifically for defence and civilian purposes;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any environmental assessments for the project, if so, the details of the assessment reports and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the key stakeholders prior to project approval and the consultations held with stakeholders for the project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) The Government through the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country.

As regards Kela tunnel in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.