

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 904
ANSWERED ON 04th DECEMBER 2025**

HIGHWAY TENDERS

904. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the value of highway tenders declared in the financial year April to December 2024 amounting to Rs 3.60 lakh crore was approximately 46 per cent lower than that of the year 2023-24 and the pace of tender awards and construction has slowed compared to previous years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that such a slowdown does not affect infrastructure targets; and

(c) the details of the current status of the proposed highway project connecting Tonk and Sawai Madhopur including the tender process, construction timeline, expected timeline for completion and the challenges being faced in the corridor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has awarded 190 National Highways (NHs) projects with cumulative awarded cost of about Rs. 54,280 crore during the period April to December, 2024, while

272 NH projects with cumulative cost of about Rs. 50,900 crore was awarded during the same period of Financial Year (FY) 2023-24.

The year-wise details of award and construction during the previous three financial years are as follows:

Financial Year (FY)	Awarded Length (km)	Constructed Length (km)
2022-23	12,376	10,331
2023-24	8,581	12,349
2024-25	7,538	10,660

The pace of award has slowed down over the two previous FYs mainly due to (i) strictly ensuring 90% Right of Way (ROW) before start, forest & wildlife clearances and approved General Arrangement of Drawing (GAD) for ROBs / RUBs; and (ii) stricter scrutiny of projects. These measures are aimed to ensure smooth implementation without substantial delays.

(c) Tonk–Kusthala section of NH-116 (new NH-552) has been developed to 2-lane with paved shoulders configuration and at present there is no proposal for further upgradation. However, Kusthala–Sawai Madhopur section of NH-116 (new NH-552) has been taken up for upgradation to 4-lane with paved shoulders configuration with scheduled date of completion on 23.05.2027.
