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India's Biggest Highway Push: Here's The State-Wise Progress Of Bharatmala Projects
Swarajya,
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The Centre on Thursday (11 December) informed the Lok Sabha that a total of 26,425 km of highways have been awarded under the Bharatmala Pariyojana across the country, of which 21,351 km have been constructed so far.

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In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari provided the details of progress till October 2025 on Bharatmala project, which is India's biggest highway push.

According to the Bharatmala state-wise progress details shared by Gadkari, Uttar Pradesh tops the awarded length at 2,495 km, with 2,084 km constructed so far. Rajasthan follows with 2,360 km awarded and 2,258 km constructed, while Maharashtra has 2,174 km awarded and 1,960 km completed.

Madhya Pradesh has 2,017 km awarded under Bharatmala, with 1,691 km constructed, while Andhra Pradesh has 1,936 km awarded and 1,352 km completed. Karnataka stands at 1,603 km awarded and 1,176 km constructed.

For Tamil Nadu, the Centre reported 1,476 km awarded under Bharatmala, of which 1,308 km has been constructed till October 2025.

Among other large states, Punjab has 1,553 km awarded and 768 km constructed, Gujarat 1,194 km awarded and 1,031 km constructed, Bihar 1,159 km awarded and 716 km constructed, Haryana 1,058 km awarded and 984 km constructed, and Telangana 1,026 km awarded with 874 km completed.

The data further shows Odisha with 967 km awarded and 932 km constructed, Jharkhand 801 km awarded and 515 km constructed, and Kerala 708 km awarded with 517 km completed.

In the hill states, Uttarakhand has 264 km awarded and 177 km constructed, Himachal Pradesh 167 km awarded and 116 km constructed, and Jammu and Kashmir 251 km awarded with 157 km completed.

Across the North East, Assam has 431 km awarded and 411 km constructed, Manipur 635 km awarded and 511 km constructed, Mizoram 593 km awarded and 524 km constructed, Nagaland 208 km awarded and 163 km constructed, Meghalaya 170 km awarded and 137 km constructed, and Tripura 94 km awarded with 69 km completed.

Among Union Territories and smaller allocations, Delhi has 203 km awarded and 190 km constructed, while Goa has achieved full completion with 26 km awarded and 26 km constructed.

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Centre Targets 10,000 Km Of National Highway Project Awards In FY26 After A Slowdown Post FY23

Business Standard,
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After a steady drop in highway project awards over the last two financial years, the government plans to ramp up national highway awards to 10,000 kilometres in the current financial year, Parliament was informed on Wednesday (11 December).

Citing tighter scrutiny, land availability, and clearance-related requirements, the Centre on Wednesday defended the slowdown in national highway project awards over the past three years.

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In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said the government has set a target to award around 10,000 kilometres of national highway projects in the 2025–26 financial year.

"The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has set a target of award of National Highways (NHs) projects for about 10,000 km during the current Financial Year 2025-26," Gadkari said.

The data shared by the minister showed that the length of national highway projects awarded has declined over the last three financial years.

In 2022–23, projects covering 12,376 kilometres were awarded, followed by 8,581 kilometres in 2023–24 and 7,538 kilometres in 2024–25.

According to the minister, the slowdown was mainly due to stricter conditions introduced to ensure smoother execution of projects. These include mandatory availability of ninety per cent right of way before awarding projects, completion of forest and wildlife clearances, approval of General Arrangement Drawings for road over bridges and road under bridges, and enhanced scrutiny of project proposals.

The minister said these measures were aimed at reducing delays during construction and avoiding cost overruns after projects are awarded.

To cut the time between project approval and commissioning, the government has undertaken several initiatives, including faster land acquisition through the Bhoomirashi portal, revamping the Parivesh portal to speed up environmental and forest clearances, and enabling online approvals for bridge-related drawings from the Railways.

The government also said it has strengthened monitoring mechanisms for highway projects, with regular review meetings and escalation of unresolved issues through platforms such as PRAGATI, in coordination with state governments and other stakeholders.

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Maharashtra: Fadnavis Government Steps Up Infrastructure Push In Pune Metropolitan Region

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The Maharashtra government has approved a revised Rs 1,209.8-crore plan for sewage treatment projects across 27 villages in the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) area, benefiting an estimated 39.42 lakh residents, the Hindustan Times reported.

The decision was taken during the 13th PMRDA meeting held at Vidhan Bhavan in Nagpur on Thursday (11 December), chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, with Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar in attendance.

The PMRDA oversees 697 villages across nine talukas covering 5,383 sq km.

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Reviewing urban expansion, Fadnavis said the 23 villages merged into the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) in June 2021 should now be planned by the civic body.

He also directed officials to evaluate a proposal to prepare the Pune Growth Hub development plan through the Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA).

The chief minister asked authorities to accelerate work on the Man-Mahalunge Township Planning Scheme and set clear timelines for the 15 Integrated Township Planning Schemes underway.

“Timely completion benefits everyone. Delays must be avoided,” he said.

Fadnavis noted that 220 development projects worth Rs 32,523 crore have been sanctioned for the metropolitan region, reflecting the state’s push to strengthen infrastructure in rapidly growing urban pockets.

Upcoming works include river rejuvenation projects for the Pavana, Indrayani, Mula and Mutha, 17 traffic decongestion initiatives, 10 tourism centres, a skywalk, and five multi-modal hubs.

A 20-km tunnel between Yerawada and Katraj has been proposed with a feasibility study in progress. The estimated cost stands at Rs 7,500 crore.

Calling for better fire preparedness, Fadnavis said Pune must develop a fire safety action plan using the Rs 300 crore collected through fire service charges.

He also directed immediate steps to curb frequent accidents near Navale Bridge, including constructing a service road along the Mumbai–Bengaluru highway.

Pune Metropolitan Commissioner Yogesh Mhase delivered a presentation, while district and civic officials joined via video conferencing.

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Indore–Pithampur Economic Corridor Moves Ahead As MPIDC Secures Major Landowner Consent

PTI,

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The proposed Indore–Pithampur Economic Corridor is advancing with the Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) securing landowner consent for about 300 hectares under its land pooling programme, reported Times of India.

The approval marks a major advance for the project, which is expected to cost more than Rs 2,400 crore and significantly enhance connectivity between Indore and Pithampur, one of Madhya Pradesh’s most prominent industrial clusters.

According to officials, the economic corridor has a planned area of 1,177 hectares, including 954 hectares of privately owned land across 17 villages and 222 hectares belonging to the government.

MPIDC has so far received consent for 295 hectares from private landholders and has also completed the transfer of nearly 170 hectares of government land needed for the project.

The corridor is expected to relieve pressure on existing routes, streamline freight movement and support businesses operating in the auto, engineering, pharmaceutical and manufacturing sectors.

Officials believe the project will help the region attract fresh investment and improve long-term industrial competitiveness.

MPIDC (Indore region) executive director Himanshu Prajapati said the progress so far has been reassuring.

“The response from landowners has been encouraging and the project is moving in the right direction. The corridor will boost industrial linkages, improve logistics efficiency and support overall economic growth of the region,” he was quoted as saying.

Prajapati added that the remaining land pooling work would be completed in a phased manner.

The broader development plan includes modernising transport networks and strengthening the industrial ecosystem around Indore.

Once the corridor is operational, officials expect smoother cargo flow, reduced travel time and improved access for both established industries in Pithampur and emerging industrial zones.

MPIDC will next focus on finalising detailed engineering designs and preparing for phased development along the stretch.

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