

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3041
ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2026**

STATUS OF MANDI NORTHERN BYPASS PROJECT

3041. MS KANGNA RANAUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of construction of the Mandi Northern Bypass project in Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) the total approved cost of the project, along with its physical and financial progress and the reasons for delay, if any;**
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the expected impact of the project on decongesting Mandi town and improving connectivity to Kullu, Manali, Lahaul-Spiti and adjoining regions;**
- (d) the measures being taken to ensure timely completion of the remaining works including tunnels, bridges and approach roads; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to undertake similar bypass projects in other congestion-prone hill towns and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) & (d) The Mandi Bypass forms part of the project of "Four Laning of Nerchowk–Pandoh Section of National Highway (NH)-21

(Package-I) from Km 190.000 to Km 221.305 (Design Length: 26.290 km) under National Highways Development Programme (NHDP) Phase-IVB on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode in the State of Himachal Pradesh."

The said project has been completed and the Provisional Certificate of Completion (PCOD) was issued on 27.09.2024. The details of other projects undertaken for decongestion of stretch in and around Mandi town are as below:

Sr. No.	NH No.	Stretch	Length (in km)	Cost (in Rs. Cr.)	Physical Progress (%)	Revised schedule date of completion	Remarks
1	21	Nerchowk-Pandoh (Km. 190.000 to Km. 221.305)	26.29	554.79	100	Completed.	
2	70	Hamirpur-Karnohal (Km.141.000 to Km.181.000)	40	223.272	93	31.10.2026	
3	70	Karnohal-Kalwahan (Km.181.000 to Km.208.950)	27.95	141.00	58	31.03.2027	
4	70	Kalwahan-Mandi (Km.208.950 to Km.250.592)	41.64	189.09	73	31.12.2026	There is re-alignment portion of about 1.3 Km, which shall bypass single lane Mangwain stretch (2.6 Km) of NH-03 in Mandi town.
5	20 (New NH-154)	(Bijni to Mandi)	5.35	1314.83	35	13.09.2027	

(c) The Mandi Bypass and other projects has significantly improved traffic operations by diverting traffic away from Mandi town, thereby reducing congestion within the area. The project has improved travel time, road safety and riding quality for commuters.

It has also enhanced connectivity to Kullu, Manali, Lahaul-Spiti and adjoining regions, besides facilitating smoother movement of tourist & commercial traffic and improving overall operational efficiency of the National Highway network.

(e) Government keeps on receiving/ undertaking/ preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR)/proposal for widening/development of NHs in the country. Decision for project implementation and investment is taken based on the outcome of DPR, requirement of connectivity, traffic density, synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan etc.
