

NHAI Receives Overwhelming Response from Bidders for Four-Laning of Dhamasiya–Bitada/ Movi and Nasarpore–Malotha Sections of NH-56 in Gujarat

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NHAI received an overwhelming response from the bidders for **implementation of the 4-laning of the 47.46 km long Dhamasiya–Bitada/Movi section and the 60.21 km long Nasarpore–Malotha section in Gujarat on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) mode.**

The project was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in February 2026, with a total project length of **107.6 km** and a total capital cost of **Rs. 4,583.6 crores**. Bids were invited by NHAI for construction and received encouraging participation from the bidders. Four-laning of the **Dhamasiya–Bitada/Movi section on NH-56** received six bids and four-laning of the **Nasarpore–Malotha section on NH-56** received seven bids, reflecting robust competition and keen interest from National Highway developers. The contract is expected to be awarded in the current financial year.

The projects will be designed for **100 km/h**, enabling an average speed of **70 km/h**, which will cut travel time by **40% — from 2.5 to 1.5 hours**. With a total length of **107.6 km**, the projects will help generate about **19.38 lakh man-days of direct employment** and **22.82 lakh man-days of indirect employment**. The projects will also induce additional employment opportunities due to an increase in economic activity in the vicinity of the proposed corridor.

The projects pass through the **Aspirational District of Narmada** and will improve connectivity to tribal areas in **Dahod, Chhota Udepur, Tapi, and Bharuch**, thereby helping in the economic growth and development of the region. Boosting tourism, the project will also improve connectivity to the **Statue of Unity**, a prominent national tourist destination located in **Kevadia village** at a distance of about **11 km from NH-56**.

Once completed, the projects will provide continuous **four-lane connectivity from Bodeli to Malotha**, thus easing congestion on **NH-56** and further enhancing connectivity to **NH-53, NH-48, and the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway**, thereby strengthening overall connectivity and economic growth in the region.

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