



# Shri Gadkari Reviews NHAI Projects: Calls for fast Tracking of award and Construction

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The Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Shri Nitin Gadkari has emphasized on fast tracking the award and construction of National Highways projects. In a review of NHAI projects today, Shri Gadkari said that while a record 16,271 km of National Highways have been awarded and 8231 km constructed during the year 2016-17, work needs to be done at a much faster pace to award more projects and construct those that have been awarded. Shri Gadkari has also said that there will be an award for the best performing Project Director and Regional Officer.

Shri Gadkari has said that the Mumbai-Vadodara, Bangalore-Chennai and Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressways are to be sanctioned by June 2017. Tender for 33 wayside amenities is also to be floated by June 2017. Electronic Toll Collection will be made available on all lanes on all toll plazas by 31 March, 2018.

Referring to the problem of land acquisition as one of the hurdles in implementation of projects, Shri Gadkari called for positive cooperation with the concerned state governments to tackle the issue. He also called for expeditious resolution of issues like forest clearances, appointment of independent engineers, change of scope etc.

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