

NITIN GADKARI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR ROAD PROJECTS WORTH RS 3,300 CRORE

BATHINDA: Foundation stone for highway projects worth over Rs 3,300 crore in Punjab were laid today by Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari, who said the NDA government was committed to providing good connectivity across the country.

It is the endeavour of the Centre to provide good connectivity to ensure development of the country, Gadkari said while laying the foundation stone of seven National Highway Projects by a press of a button here.

They involved projects totalling 222 Kms to be completed at a total cost of Rs 3,342 crore.

This was Gadkari's maiden visit to the state after becoming a minister in the Narendra Modi government.



The seven projects are Sangrur-Dogal Kalan (30 Kms), Dogal Kalan-Punjab Haryana border (27 Kms), Sangrur-Dhanaula bye-pass (18 Kms), Patiala bye-pass (19 Kms), Patiala-Sangrur (41 Kms), Sangrur-Tapa (46 Kms) and Tapa-Bathinda (41 Kms).

Launching his multi-Crore project, Gadkari also promised Rs 18,000 Crore investment on Punjab's road infrastructure including 5 railways over bridges (ROB's).

He said almost all major state highways would be converted into national highways and work on it would commence before the end of this year.

Gadkari said good connectivity played a major role in development of US.

"Punjab shall be developed on the lines of Canada and America and this shall be done in a time bound span of two years", he added.