

MoRTH releases ratings for 18,668 kms of completed four & six-lane NH

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The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has released the ratings for 18,668 kilometres of completed four and six-lane National Highway stretches covering 343 toll plazas.

This has been done by NHAI, which has taken initiative to improve its accountability towards road users, who pay user fee for use of developed National Highways.

Key Highlights

- Although highway ratings are done frequently around the globe, this is the first time such an exercise has been conducted in India.
- The 141-km stretch of Goa/Karnataka to Kundapur section of NH-66 connecting Mumbai to Kanyakumari has been rated the second best, followed by a 93.3-km stretch of Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway, which is also called the National Expressway-1.
- All 219 national highway stretches across the country, covering a distance of 18,668 km, have been rated.
- The objective of the ratings, road ministry officials said, is to identify interventions needed to improve efficiency and traveller experience on the corridor, in line with international best practices.
- The exercise will provide standards, which may be used for benchmarking of other highway corridors, stated the report.
- At the release of the report, NHAI Chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu said national highways

would be rated regularly from now on a 6-month basis to give time for their improvement.

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