



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that the six-lane tunnel on the Pune-Satara highway, which is being built at an estimated cost of Rs 926 crore, is anticipated to be finished by March 2023.

According to a statement from the transport ministry, the new tunnel near Khambatki Ghat on National Highway-4 is a twin tunnel with three lanes on each side.

“He said the existing ‘S’ curve in Satara-Pune direction shall be completed soon that would lead to drastic reduction in accident risks. The total capital cost for the 6.43 km long project is approximately Rs 926 crore and is expected to be completed by March 2023,” it said.

The minister said average travel time at Pune-Satara and Satara-Pune stretch through Khambataki Ghat is 45 minutes and 10-15 minutes, respectively. With the completion of this tunnel, average travel time shall be reduced to 5-10 minutes.

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