

# 'PM will take a call on Afghan investments'

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Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Sunday said a final decision on continuing infrastructure investments in Afghanistan will be taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar after considering the situation.

Mr. Gadkari also said while many infrastructure projects there had been completed by India, some were yet to be completed.

Last month, the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, ousting the previous elected leadership that was backed by the West.

"We have built a dam [Salma dam]... We have worked in areas of water resources in Afghanistan," Mr. Gadkari



**Back in the day:** Former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani with Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the inauguration ceremony of the Salma dam in Afghanistan in 2016. ■ AP

said while responding to a query on whether India would make further investments in the now Taliban-controlled country.

"As a friendly country, we

had discussions with Afghanistan government officials for building some roads... Good that I did not start the construction of roads [in Afghanistan]... The situation

there is of concern," Mr. Gadkari added.

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