

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1353
ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2023**

UPGRADATION OF HIGHWAYS

**†1353. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to upgrade the country's major roads maintained by PWD to four lanes by awarding them national status;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, particularly upgrading the National Highway-63 (Latur-Yedshi-Barshi) into four lane in Dharashiv; and**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Maharashtra to upgrade highways maintained by PWD into National Highways and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) State roads, including State Highways (SHs), are declared as National Highways (NHs) including the proposals from the Maharashtra from time to time on the basis of well-established principles. The important criteria for declaration of NHs include the following: -

- i. Roads running through length / breadth of the country.**

- ii. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.**
- iii. Roads having important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area.**
- iv. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
- v. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**
- vi. Roads contributing towards achievement of National Highways grid of 100 km.**
- vii. Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).**

The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals from various State Governments / Union Territories (UTs), including from the State Government of Maharashtra, for declaration / upgradation of State roads, including SHs, as new NHs. Decisions are taken based on the fulfillment of the criteria, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Development and Maintenance Works on such notified NHs, including their capacity augmentation to four / six lane NHs standards, are accordingly taken up based on the traffic density, condition of the roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Feasibility Study / Detailed Project Report (DPR) Work has been awarded for upgrading NH-63 (Latur-Yedshi-Barshi) to Two Lane with Paved Shoulders (2L+PS) / Four Lane (4L) standards.
