

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2449  
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000  
UPGRADATION OF ROADS AS NATIONAL HIGHWAY  
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Bihar have recommended to upgrade the Hajipur-Vaishali-Paru-Sahebganj-Kesaria-Dumaria road in Bihar as a National Highway;
- (b) if so, whether such recommendation was made by the State Government during the year 1995 also;
- (c) whether the said road related to the name of Bhagwan Buddha and Bhagwan Mahavir is important from the tourism point of view; and
- (d) if so, the time by when the Government propose to upgrade the said road as a National Highway?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) & (b) In May, 1997, while inviting proposals of new National Highways from all the State Govt. for consideration during the 9th Plan, the Central Govt. had made clear that the proposals to be forwarded by the State Govts. would supercede all proposals/requests made by the State Govts. during the 8th Five Year Plan. Thereafter no such proposals has been received by this Ministry.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Proposal for declaration of new National Highways are considered keeping in view the criteria laid down for inclusion as National Highway e.g. the traffic needs, inter-see priority with other proposals received for State Govts. and the availability of funds and therefore no time limit can be given at this stage.