

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3535  
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EXISTENCE OF GANGA CANAL WITH TWO ROADS  
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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the manifold increase in traffic on the Delhi- Hardwar-Dehradun- Mussoorie route ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are aware of the existence of the Ganga Canal with two roads running along its banks throughout;
- (c) the tourist potential of developing these roads on either side of the canal both to decongest the present overused Highway as well as to encourage tourism;
- (d) whether the Government are considering for taking over and developing this alternate route; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes , Sir. Delhi- Hardwar-Rishikesh-Badrinath is NH-58, whereas Rishikesh-Dehradun is NH-72. However, Dehradun-Mussoorie, is not a National Highway.
- (b) Yes Sir. These two roads are service roads of the Irrigation Department under the Government of Uttar Pradesh and do not form part of the National Highway network.
- (c) These Canal roads fall under the jurisdiction of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for their development .As such Central Government is not concerned with the same.
- (d) & (e) There is no proposal of taking over these roads as National Highways.