

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:42  
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CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether State Governments have sent any proposals regarding construction of National Highways to the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of proposals related to tribal areas of Gujarat during last three years ; (
- (c) the latest position of the said proposals ;
- (d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereof ; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) to (e) This Ministry does not construct new National Highways. It only converts and develops certain State Roads into National Highways. During the Ninth Plan Period the Ministry had declared 23,814 km .of new National Highways in different States in the country. The proposals for conversion of State Roads into National Highways received from all States including 8 proposals received for tribal areas of Gujarat have been returned to the respective State Governments in June 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway in the country at present due to fund constraints. The Government may however, consider declaration of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th-Five Year Plan from amongst the modified proposals to be received from various States keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.