

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3250
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CONNECTION OF HILLY AREAS THROUGH NATIONAL HIGHWAY ROADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to connect all the hilly areas through National Highways Road in future particularly Gobichettipalayam region of Erode district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Many hilly area are already connected by National Highways. There is no proposal at present to declare any new National Highway in the country 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 on the basis of revised criteria for declaration of National Highways keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.