

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:107

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ENGLISH/HINDI LANGUAGE ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY STONES

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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that kilometre indication stone of destination on National Highways on south state side are written in Tamil/Kannad/Malayalam language;
- (b) if so, whether foreigners and North Indian visitors are facing difficulties in reading the south language on kilometre indication stone;
- (c) whether any proposal to write English or Hindi language on National Highway stone;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any national policy has been framed to use the regional language on National Highway kilometre stones; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (f) As per the existing policy of the Ministry, Km. stones are marked in the international numerals and the place names are inscribed in different scripts in the following order, only one script being used on any one Km. stones; and so on repeated in the same order.

Kilometre No.      Script for place names

0	Roman
1	Hindi (Devnagri script)
2	Local language
3	Hindi (Devnagri script)
4	Local language
5	Roman

Foreigners and North Indian visitors should not face any difficulty while travelling on National Highways in Southern states. In Tamil Nadu every fifth kilometre stones are inscribed in English language and also in Tamil. Similarly the kilometre stones in Pondicherry are inscribed in Tamil and English. Ministry of Surface Transport is regularly pursuing with all State Govts. to follow the existing policy of the Ministry.