

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

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HIMALAYAN HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Himalayan Highway connecting all the tourist destinations in Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh is being considered by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the Project Report prepared by the Government;
- (c) whether the Feasibility Report has already been commissioned; and
- (d) if so, the names of the tourist destinations that would be connected by the Himalayan Highway and the time by which the Project is likely to take off?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) A proposal has been received from Government of Uttaranchal for construction of a Himalayan Highway in Uttaranchal connecting tourist destinations namely Tuni, Chakrata, Mussoorie, Dhanolti, Chamba, New Tehri, Srinagar, Karanprayag, Gairsain, Ranikhet, Almora and Lohaghat. No such proposal has been received from the states of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. Himalayan Highway in Uttaranchal state comprises 409 Km. of State Road and 251 Km. of National Highways. The responsibility of improvement of the state road portion lies with the State Government of Uttaranchal. For the National Highways portion, for which this Ministry is responsible, estimate for feasibility report for the improvement is under examination. Estimate received from the Government of Uttaranchal for preparation of feasibility report for 409 Km. of state road has been approved by the Ministry. The preparation of Detailed Project Report can be prepared after feasibility report is completed and therefore it is too early to indicate any date of commissioning of the project.