GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3872 ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006 CONVERSION OF NHS INTO TWO LANE Jindal Shri Naveen

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

(a) whether all the national highways have been made two-lane;

(b) if not, the length of national highways which are still one-lane;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make them two-lane; and

(d) if so, the time by which these are likely to be done alongwith the estimated cost thereof?

Answer

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

(a) At present, all the National Highways are not two lane.

(b) About 22949 Km length of National Highways are below 2-lane standard.

(c) & (d) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and the selection of National Highways (NH) for development and upgradation is based on the traffic and its growth, condition of the National Highway, inter-se priority and availability of funds. There is a proposal for widening of 20,000 Km of National Highways to two lanes with paved shoulders under the programme of NHDP Phase-IV. The details for this programme have not been finalised.