

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of Coastal Highways in Gujarat;
- (b) the details of the stretches of Coastal Highways upgraded to NHs during the last three years;
- (c) the details of coastal highways proposed to be upgraded to NHs during the current year; and
- (d) the details of the proposals/projects being implemented/to be implemented by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) The total length of the Coastal Highways in Gujarat is 1600 Kilometers.
- (b) The following stretches of Coastal Highways in Gujarat have been upgraded to National Highways during the last three years:
 - i. Mandavi-Narayan Sarovar Section (141.00 KM)
 - ii. Dawarka-Somnath Section (208.85 KM)

(c) After declaration of the stretches mentioned in (b) above, as National Highways in February 2004, no proposal has been received for upgradation of other stretches of Coastal Highways to National Highways.

(d) The development and maintenance of the National Highways is a continuous process depending upon the condition of roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds.