

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

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UPGRADATION OF STATE ROADS IN GUJARAT AS NH

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

- (a) the details of National Highway projects undertaken in Gujarat by Union Government during the last three years and current year, Project-wise;
- (b) the status of each of these projects and the reasons for delay in execution of the same;
- (c) whether Union Government proposes to upgrade the State-Roads connecting the Union Territories near Gujarat and other coastal Highways as National Highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The details of National Highway projects (each work costing Rs. 5.00 crores and above) undertaken under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) and under National Highway (Original) during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-I. Reasons for delayed projects are given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) The declaration of more State Roads including that of the connecting the Union Territories near Gujarat and other coastal Highways as National Highways, at present, is not a priority for the Government. The existing National Highways system of about 66,754 km itself has deficiencies in many respects such as inadequate pavement crust, poor geometrics and drainage, weak and narrow bridges etc and there is a need to concentrate on the development of existing NH network.