

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

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UPGRADATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS AS NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to upgrade coastal highways as National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise with particular reference to State Highways in Gujarat and Union Territory near Gujarat; and (
- (c) the funds earmarked for such up-gradation and the targeted time fixed for completing the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The declaration of any road as a National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. At present emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.