

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HIGHWAY UPGRADATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether Prime Minister's Committee on infrastructure cleared a mega expansion of on-going highway upgradation programme;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the details of amount proposed to be spent on each National Highway, State -wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The ongoing National Highways Development project covers about 14,000 km of National Highways. To accelerate the pace of expansion of the ongoing upgradation of National Highways, on the direction of the Committee on Infrastructure headed by the Prime Minister, the Ministry is in the process of identifying important stretches of National Highways for upgradation of 4 lane Highways to 6 lane Highways, single/intermediate lane to 2 lane with pave shoulders, bypasses, grade separators, expressways etc. to be implemented under subsequent Phases of National Highways Development Project in a phased manner. These projects will be mainly undertaken on public private partnership.

(c) The programme is at preliminary stage and it is too early to indicate the details of amount proposed to be spent on each National Highway, State wise.