

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

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ALLOCATION FOR TWO LANING OF NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government /National Highways Authority of India has any proposal to convert around 6,376 kms. of single-lane National Highways not included for upgradation under any of the approved programmes, into two-lanes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation likely to be made in this regard;
- (c) the length of single-lane road stretches proposed to be converted into two-lanes, stretch- wise and State-wise including Orissa;
- (d) whether financial assistance has been sought from the World Bank and other international financial institutions for funding the project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

- (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The National Highways stretches which are single/intermediate/weak double lane and have missing links not included for upgradation under any approved programmes are proposed to be upgraded through loan assistance from World Bank as well as through budgetary support. Details of these stretches including those in Orissa are at Annexure.
- (d) and (e) The Government has approached World Bank for a loan assistance of US \$ 2.96 billion.