

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy/scheme for the development of National Highways in the country including for the newly-formed States like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount spent so far for upgradation/development of NHs in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the width of National Highways in the States including Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which they are likely to be widened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) to (e) The development of the National Highways (NHs) in the country, including the NHs in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand, is a continuous process and are taken up based on the Five Year Plans and the Annual Plans keeping in view the availability of funds, traffic density, condition of the road / bridges, location and inter-se priority of various works.

The NHs are constructed with prescribed width as indicated in Indian Roads Congress Standards. The works of widening of the carriageway widths of the NHs in the States, including Karnataka, are accordingly taken up depending upon availability of funds, traffic density and inter-se priority.

The amount spent for upgradation / development of NHs in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand so far during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to January, 2010)) are given below:-

Name of the State Amount spent for development of NHs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2008-09 and 2009-10 (up to January, 2010))
(in Rs. crore)#

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to January, 2010)	Total
Jharkhand	57.24	96.41	68.56	222.21
Chhattisgarh	70.97	109.58	94.95	275.50
Uttarakhand	88.74	224.10	224.59	537.43

Does not include the amount spent under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), for which no State-wise allocations of funds are made.