

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:459
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2010
UPGRADING STATE ROADS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Patil Shri A.T. Nana;Shekhar Shri Neeraj

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently approved the conversion of several State roads to National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including details of pending proposals, if any, State-wise;
- (c) whether the exact stretches of such roads proposed to be upgraded have been identified;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted in this regard;
- (e) the mechanism to be adopted for supervision of such highway development works in the States;
- (f) the details of the investment required for upgrading and maintaining the roads after such conversion;and
- (g) the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the expenditure?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 459 FOR ANSWER ON 27.04.2010 ASKED BY SHRI A.T.NANA PATIL AND SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR REGARDING UPGRADING STATE ROADS TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.

(a) and (b) Empowered Group of Ministers has approved 'In-Principle' to declare about 10,000 Km of State Roads as new National Highways(NHs) subject to review of the criteria for identification of road stretches in consultation with the Planning Commission. However various State Governments have forwarded proposals for declaration of over 53,000 Km length of State roads as NHs. State-wise details of these proposals are annexed.

(c) No sir.

(d) to (g) Do not arise.