

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

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UPGRADATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) the length of coastal highways/roads on the sea coast of Gujarat which has not been notified and upgraded as National Highways;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to notify and upgrade all such roads as National Highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken so far in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which such roads are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

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

- (a) A length of 1040.00 Km of Coastal Highways/Roads on the sea coast of Gujarat has not been declared as National Highways.
- (b) to (e) Expansion of NH network is a continuous process. 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, requirement of connectivity on all India basis and availability of Funds.