

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

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INCLUSION OF ROADS UNDER NATIONAL EXPRESSWAY NETWORK  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal for inclusion of 2871 kilometres of roads under the National Expressway Network;
- (b) if so, whether approval has been accorded for only 725 kilometres of roads;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government is considering to approve the remaining 2146 kilometres of roads for inclusion under the National Expressway Network;and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) This Ministry had awarded a Consultancy Services for Formulation of a Master Plan for a National Expressway Network in the country in December 2008. All the State Governments were requested to offer their views on the Draft Report submitted by the Consultants. The Government of Gujarat requested for inclusion of about 2,871 km stretches of roads in the proposed Master Plan. The Final Report submitted by the Consultants, duly considering the views / observations received from the State Governments (including Gujarat) and recommending inter-alia an Expressway Network of about 18,637 km for completion in a prioritized manner in three phases spanning upto the year 2022, has been accepted by the Government. However, from overall perspective of broad integration of the Expressway Network in the entire country, the exact alignment proposed by various States could not be adhered to by the Consultants while proposing the National Expressway Master Plan in the Final Report.

The Master Plan includes the following segments of National Expressway Corridors passing through the State of Gujarat (i) Ahemdabad-Rajkot (215 km) (ii) Bamanbore-Kandla (210 km)(iii) Surat-Nagpur-Raipur-Kolkata (1760 km) and(iv) Ahemdabad-Ratlam (350 km).