

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government/NHAI proposes to take up projects/provide assistance to States for providing connectivity with small cities in the country with expressways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of anticipated requirement and current status of expressways constructed in the country;
- (d) whether the Government/NHAI has taken any steps for expeditious construction of expressways in the country and to achieve the target on time; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There is no proposal for providing connectivity of small cities with expressways.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) A present an expressway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara, having a total length of 93.4 km, is under operation. Eastern Peripheral Expressway around Delhi, in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, with a length of about 134 km is at the stage of bidding. Besides, the Government has approved construction of 1,000 km of expressways under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI. The identified sections of expressways are as follows: -

Sl. No.	Section	Length (km)
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1	Vadodaraâ€”Mumbai	400
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2	Bangaloreâ€”Chennai	334
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3	Delhiâ€”Meerut	66
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4	Kolkataâ€”Dhanbad	277
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These are at Feasibility Study stage.

A Master Plan for Expressway Network of about 18,637 km for completion in prioritized manner in three phases spanning upto the year 2022, has been recently finalized by the Government.