

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN HILLY STATES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded priority towards the construction, development and maintenance of National Highways in hilly States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to construct highways to connect the Himalayan States; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent on construction of the National Highways in the Himalayan States during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country. It gives priority for the development and maintenance of NHs in the entire country including the States in Hilly regions and there is no specific programme for the construction of highways to connect hilly States in the Himalayan region.

However, the Government has taken up separate programmes such as the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North-East Region (SARDP-NE). Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE approved by the Government envisages improvement of about 2,596 km length of roads (1,839 km NHs and 757 km State roads). The Target for completion of SARDP-NE Phase-A is March, 2014. Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE covers 4825 km (1673km NH and 3152km State road), the programme has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) only and so far DPRs for about 900km has been completed. The Arunachal Pradesh Package for Road and Highways involving development of about 2,319 km length of roads (1,472 km is NHs & 847 km is State/General Staff/Strategic roads) was also approved by the Government. The entire Arunachal Pradesh Package is targeted for completion by March 2015.

The Prime Minister's package for road development in the State of Jammu & Kashmir involves development of about 977 km roads including NHs and State Roads with an estimated cost of about Rs. 2,628 crore. This includes the following roads :

S.No.	Stretch (km)	Length
1	Mughal Road to connect Poonch region	84
2	Domel-Katra road (NH-1C)	14.4
3	Batote-Kishtwar-Sinthanpass-Anantnag Road (NH-1B)	265
4	Srinagar-Uri (NH-1A) -LOC Road	111.5
5	Khanabal-Pahalgam	43
6	Narbal-Tangmarg	37
7	Srinagar-Kargil-Leh Road including Kargil Town By-pass (NH-1D)	42

(c) The State-wise details of funds spent on the development of NHs during the last three years in the hilly States of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh in Himalayan region are given below:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10#
1	Jammu & Kashmir	642.51	361.88	387.56
2	Uttarakhand	88.74	224.1	288.11
3	Himachal Pradesh	58.59	86.69	172.12
4	Sikkim	21.64	6.45	-
5	Arunachal Pradesh	49.43	47.05	45.60

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